

I am Christine Berger, I live in East Greenwich, my Rep is Justine Caldwell, and I support HB 5923 legislation to Prohibit new high-heat waste processing facilities in Rhode Island and I oppose the MedRecycler proposed plant in West Warwick.

There is no guarantee that the medical waste in that proposed plant will be free of contaminants. WHAT exactly is in the SEALED containers that will be brought in by the truckload (up to 70 tons a day) then SHREDDED and HEATED on site. Pyrolysis plants are harmful for the environment if they are not properly designed for the feedstock. Pyrolysis is better suited to homogeneous fuel stock than heterogeneous waste like medical waste and other items that may contaminate the feedstock. There is no guarantee that the waste will be free of contaminants.

Thus, Rhode Island will have no control nor even knowledge of the hazardous waste imported to our towns every day. Why should our Ocean State be a test site for such a potentially dangerous, polluting, untested technology.

There is no evidence that treating medical waste with pyrolysis is safe for human health and the environment. It is untested. Emissions will leach to the surface water or to the water table, or bioaccumulate in plants and then in animals. Not to mention the dangers posed to those who live work and go to school in properties immediately abutting the proposed facility in West Warwick.

We do not want this type of plant in RI.

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