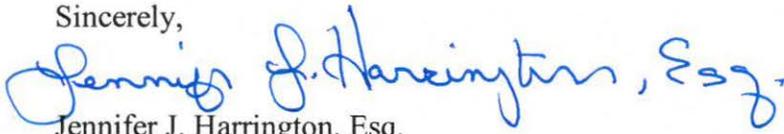




Narragansett Bay. Notably, pyrolysis is an emerging technology used to treat sewage sludge because it destroys PFAS compounds, which is a significant challenge and which environmental stewards and the RI General Assembly alike have recognized as being a significant item of concern. H5923A's lack of a definition of "solid waste" which excludes solid waste in sewage and sewage solids will severely limit the NBC and the State's ability to treat and address PFAS compounds in sewage sludge.

To that end, the NBC respectfully opposes House Bill 5923A as currently written and urges the Committee to either amend H5923A to insert a definition of solid waste that excludes solids or dissolved material in domestic sewage or sewage sludge in that definition or defeat it in its current state. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer J. Harrington, Esq." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" being particularly prominent.

Jennifer J. Harrington, Esq.

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