RESOLUTION

Expressing support for legislative action to prohibit the landfilling in Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties of waste materials from natural gas horizontal well drilling activities.

Whereas, the economy in certain parts of the State of West Virginia has benefitted from the natural gas horizontal well drilling exploration and production in West Virginia; and

Whereas, waste material from natural gas horizontal well drilling exploration and production, originating from both inside and outside of the State of West Virginia is generating large volumes of waste material which is rapidly consuming valuable landfill space in certain parts of West Virginia; and

Whereas, natural gas horizontal well drilling activities are not occurring in Berkeley, Morgan or Jefferson Counties; and

Whereas, the economy and the citizens of Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties do not directly benefit from natural gas horizontal well drilling activities; and

Whereas, state reports show that the current in-state landfill capacity in Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties is less than 35 years; and

Whereas, Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties have utilized millions of dollars of public funds in the establishment, promotion and expansion of waste reduction, reuse techniques, recycling programs and resource recovery programs to protect this valuable landfill capacity.
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority

(1) Expresses strong support for legislative action that prevents the waste material from natural gas horizontal well drilling activities from being landfilled in Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties; and

(2) Expresses strong support for legislative action to protect valuable landfill space by requiring the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to resume the inclusion of waste from natural gas horizontal well drilling operations toward the monthly tonnage caps at all landfills in the State of West Virginia; and

(3) Expresses strong support for legislative action to require the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection to establish siting criteria and design standards for new solid waste landfills specifically designed to reduce the amount of natural gas horizontal well drilling waste from entering the current municipal solid waste landfills; and

(5) Expresses strong support for legislative action to require the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection implement a new tipping fee structure to address the need for additional inspectors, monitoring activities and other funding needs associated with the management of such waste in the State of West Virginia; and

(6) Authorizes its legislative committee to educate members of the West Virginia Legislature for the need to take legislative action regarding these matters during the 2014 Legislative Session.

On behalf of the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority,

Sincerely,

Clint R. Hogbin
Chairman