



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Sand Mining and Illegal Dumping Impacts on Long Island Water Quality

PURPOSE: To examine the effectiveness of the Environmental Conservation Law waste disposal and sand mining provisions, including land reclamation, in protecting Long Island's water.

LONG ISLAND

Wednesday

December 16, 2015

11:30

Legislative Auditorium

William H. Rogers Building

725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown

Long Island's population of approximately three million people receives its drinking water from a sole source aquifer. Long Island's sandy soil helps ensure a plentiful groundwater supply but also facilitates the leaching of contaminants from the surface into the groundwater. Unpermitted sand extraction activities, inadequate mined land reclamation, and illegal dumping can also further exacerbate contamination and jeopardize water quality. The purpose of this hearing is to examine existing laws regulating sand mining, reclamation, and dumping activities to determine what, if any, changes are necessary to help protect Long Island water quality.

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Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements. In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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