

Senate Natural Resources and Energy
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A. Waste Management—Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, Recycling

1. Bottle bill—passed House and Senate last year, but in significantly different forms.
2. Landfill management—significant advocate concern about management of landfill and future landfill siting.
3. Household hazardous products extended producer responsibility.
3. Land application of biosolids—see PFAS issue.
4. Petroleum Cleanup Fund; underground storage tanks.

B. Toxic Substances in the Environment

1. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)—Act No. 21 of 2019, establishing drinking water and surface water standards; U.S. EPA Strategic Roadmap to regulate across all media.
2. Contamination of land from PFAS—land application, deposition, CERCLA issues.
3. PCB testing and remediation in schools—report due Jan. 15, 2023.

C. Water Quality

1. Ongoing compliance with U.S. EPA Total Maximum Daily Load Plan for Lake Champlain; Clean Water Investment Report.
2. Ongoing implementation of State water quality initiative—Clean Water Service Provider implementation; January 2023 summary of grant programs in Clean Water Investment Report.
3. Wetlands; pending rule change; standard for mitigation.
4. Riparian protection—flood hazard protection area rule; scope of application.
5. Aquatic nuisance control—funding; use of waters; nuisance control.

D. Forestry; Land Management

1. Enrollment of Reserve Forestland in Use Value Appraisal; Report submitted Dec. 30, 2022.

E. Fish and Wildlife

1. Moratorium on hunting coyote with dogs--Fish and Wildlife Board Rule Act No. 165 of 2022.
2. Best Management Practices for Trapping--draft potential recommendations circulated; recommendations due January 15, 2023.