



February 12, 2015

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chair
Senate Natural Resources Committee
Statehouse Room 159-S
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: Senate Bill 125
NORM and TENORM Definitions

Chairman Powell and Members of the Natural Resources Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 125. Waste Management of Kansas, Inc. (WM) provides waste and recycling collection as well as disposal services for residential, commercial, industrial waste customers throughout Kansas.

WM supports the development of domestic sources of safe, secure energy supplies. Across North America, WM provides valuable services to the oil and gas industry to ensure the safe and environmentally responsible management of waste from the oil and gas industry, including hydraulic fracking activities.

In most states, the regulations governing solid waste management activities provide an appropriate regulatory framework for the safe and environmentally sound management of the waste generated from oil and gas activities. Currently, the Kansas Department of Health & Environment approves these waste materials for disposal on a case-by-case basis.

We support Senate Bill 125 as we believe this legislation will help provide clarity to the regulated community regarding the disposal of these materials at Subtitle D landfills. WM has substantial experience in managing oil and gas wastes in municipal waste landfills, industrial landfills and other waste management facilities. Our experience indicates that these materials can safely and effectively be managed at Subtitle D facilities without posing risks to human health or the environment. As a member of the regulated community, WM supports establishing a clear legislative and regulatory framework that addresses the level of these materials and specify sampling and analytical requirements, as well as appropriate disposal limitations at solid waste facilities.

We respectfully request your support of this important legislation and ask for your "yes" vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 125 and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely on behalf of Waste Management of Kansas, Inc.

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