Hydrofracking for shale gas in the Marcellus Shale is producing millions of gallons of highly radioactive wastewater.

Naturally-occurring radioactive material (primarily radium-226, a derivative of uranium), has been buried deep underground for millions of years, but hydrofracking brings it up to the surface. Getting rid of it is a huge problem for the gas industry.

Apparently they think they can partially solve this problem by offering radioactive wastewater at low or no cost to rural and suburban counties to spread on their roads for dust control and de-icing.

Exposure to radium-226 is linked to bone, liver and breast cancers. If radioactive wastewater is used in our communities, it will contaminate our water, our air and our land. If it is spread in agricultural areas it will contaminate our food supply. That’s unacceptable.

Please contact your legislators and Governor Cuomo to urge support for a ban on the acceptance of all fracking waste and its constituents in our local wastewater treatment facilities, in our local landfills, and on all our roads in New York.

Contact Governor Cuomo today at 518-474-8390 and your state legislators at: nysenate.gov/senators and assembly.state.ny.us/mem/