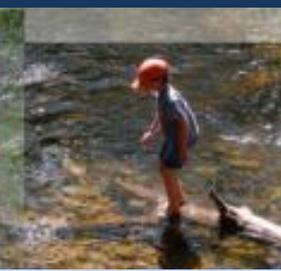




Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



Connecticut Department of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

Enabling Legislation PA 18-181

- Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall convene a working group of representatives of the apparel industry and the environmental community for the purpose of developing a consumer awareness and education program concerning the presence of synthetic microfiber pollution.



Provisions

- consumer oriented information that explains the process by which such microfibers are shed from clothing and are dispersed in the state's waterways,
- best practices for consumers to eliminate and reduce the disbursement of microfibers from clothing into the waterways of the state



Provisions

- and information on efforts that members of the apparel industry, including, but not limited to, brand labels, are undertaking to reduce or eliminate microfibers in clothing.



Deliverable

A report to the legislature ...
on the efforts of such working group and any
related recommendations for legislation
concerning such consumer awareness and
education program and the reduction of
microfibers in our state's waterways.



Objectives

- To the greatest extent possible, pursue a consensus that meets the intent of the Public Act
- Explore voluntary agreements and commitments



Assumptions

- Stewardship – Those responsible for microfiber pollution should accept the greatest responsibility for the solution
- Precautionary Principle - Environment management rule that if a threat of serious or irreversible damage to the environment or human health exists, a lack of full scientific knowledge about the situation should not be allowed to delay containment or remedial steps if the balance of potential costs and benefits justifies enacting them – businessdictionary.com

