

Before You Vote . . .

Here's the TRUTH about the Stupak/Shaw/Pallone/Jeff Miller Amendment

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) represents America's publicly-owned wastewater treatment agencies. We are dedicated environmental practitioners working tirelessly 24-7 to clean and protect America's waters.

Blending is a critical practice used in cities across America to maximize treatment of unpredictable, exceptionally large storms or snowmelt while meeting Clean Water Act regulations that protect public health. The proposed amendment could effectively ban blending, increasing unavoidable raw sewage discharges and forcing a step backward for clean water.

Blending has been purposefully mischaracterized as "sewage dumping."

NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Democratic and Republican Administrations and Congress have funded blending for decades
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Blending ensures that the maximum amount of wastewater is treated in storm events
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Blending is the only practical solution to protect the public during heavy rain events
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** The Amendment could effectively ban blending, resulting in increased potential health risks for the public and the environment
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Preventing EPA from working on blending only perpetuates confusion
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** The uncertain status of blending is an unacceptable status quo
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Blending meets Clean Water Act regulations
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Without blending, untreated sewage releases will likely increase
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Scientific evidence does not show a correlation between exposure to blended discharges and public health risks
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** Important ongoing research and monitoring will add to the scientific record on blending impacts
- ◆ **THE TRUTH IS . . .** NACWA has reached out to environmental groups to resolve the blending debate sensibly – they don't want to talk about the truth.

*If you would like more information on the truth about blending,
visit NACWA's website (www.nacwa.org) or contact the National Office at 202/833-2672.*