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# New Jersey Update

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## Important Bills on Fracking Waste and GMO labeling

Critically important bills are now making their way through the halls of Trenton. As concerned citizens, what can we do to make sure our voice is heard?

These lobby days, on June 12 and June 16, are an excellent way to directly inform our legislators how we feel about the fracking waste ban and GMO food labeling in New Jersey. No experience is necessary to lobby your legislators. Knowledgeable employees from several environmental organizations will be on hand to brief and guide participants on both days.

### June 12th Lobby Day Fracking Waste Ban



On **Thursday, June 12**, activists from around the state will converge on Trenton to support a ban on fracking waste disposal in the state.

The event starts at 9 am in the Sierra Club office (145 West Hanover Street). Lobby teams will be dispatched to the Statehouse, and a rally will follow at 12:30. RSVP by email to Sierra Club's [Kate Millsaps](#) or on [Facebook](#)

**Update:** Last month, the New Jersey Senate passed the Fracking Waste Ban Bill in a bipartisan 33-4 vote. Assembly members are now being asked to support the measure.

Last year, a similar bill passed in the Senate and

### June 16th Lobby Day GMO Food Labeling



On Monday, **June 16th**, go to Trenton and speak up for labeling genetically engineered foods (GMOs). Legislation is stalled due to pressure by corporate lobbyists.

This event also starts at 9 am in the Sierra Club office (145 West Hanover Street). Lobby teams and a rally are planned as well. RSVP by email to [Jim Walsh](#), Food and Water Watch

**Update:** Last year, Connecticut and Maine passed GMO labeling laws that go into effect only after several other states pass similar laws. This year, Vermont made history by passing a bill to label GMOs by 2016 without any such restrictions. Meanwhile, a federal bill introduced in April 2013, [H.R. 1699](#), has

Assembly, but was vetoed by Gov. Christie. This year it has been re-introduced as [S1041](#) and A2108, and we have another chance to protect New Jersey's community of life.

Fracking waste that contains radioactive elements, heavy metals, and known carcinogens has already come to New Jersey. It is threatening our drinking water, our soil and our public health. And it is supporting an energy industry that threatens communities, health and life. More on fracking [here](#).

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In New Jersey, legislation to require labeling of genetically engineered foods is stalled. Politicians have been receiving a lot of attention from lobbyists representing large corporations like Monsanto and Wal-Mart that oppose the bill.

Please call or [email](#) Assemblyman Committee Chair Moriarty (phone 856-232-6700; go here for [talking points](#)) and ask him to support labeling GMOs and move the bill forward. More info on GMO labeling [here](#).

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