Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
• 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
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• 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