

November 13, 2011

Mr. John Paul King
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Ecosystem Protection
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to express strong support for the EPA's proposal to require the installation of a modern closed-cycle cooling water system at the Merrimack Station, as described in its draft NPDES permit.

I am concerned both because of the damage to wildlife, but the pollution issues are of greater concern to me. Discharging mercury causes so many problems, many that we know about especially as many communities rely on rivers for their drinking water - but other problems we discover as we study the issues. It's cost effective to deal with the problem with prevention - than to pay for the problems later: healthcare issues, impaired educational capacities.

Please let me know what you intend to do!

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