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Wastewater Management Section
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Boston, MA 02203-2211

ATTN: Mr. Nicholas W. Prodan, Mail Code: WMN
Environmental Engineer

SUBJECT: Merrimack Station; Bow, NH
Permit No. NH0001465

Dear Mr. Prodan:

Enclosed is the draft Phase I Preliminary Report for the biological and hydrological investigation of the thermal discharge at Merrimack Station in Bow, NH. The report summarizes available information relative to the six issues that are identified in the NPDES permit. When appropriate, analyses are also provided to further address the concerns of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The format was designed in consultation with the TAC, principally through comments received at the August 31 meeting. The report is submitted in accordance with Section A.18.a. of the permit.

The document has also been submitted to the following representatives of the other TAC agencies: Ken Carr, Bob Estabrook, Bill Ingham and Peter Nolan. I suggest a second meeting be scheduled the week of December 14 to discuss the findings. PSNH will also be prepared to propose conceptual field or laboratory studies that may be necessary to fully resolve each thermal issue (Phase II). Please call me to discuss meeting arrangements.

Very truly yours,

Allan G. Palmer
Senior Engineer

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cc: J. G. Andrews - NHDES
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