



The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

May 24, 2007

Kevin Pechulis  
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Dear Mr. Pechulis:

I write to confirm receipt of your public records request pertaining to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits for Public Service Company of New Hampshire's Merrimack Station facility (NPDES No. NH0001465). Your request is dated May 21, 2007 and it was received by the Department of Environmental Service's File Review Unit on May 24, 2007.

The appropriate personnel within our agency have each received a copy of your letter. We will proceed expeditiously to collect all records responsive to your request so that we may review them with the EPA and the Attorney General's Office to determine which might be privileged, confidential or otherwise non-public. The Department's files relating to the Merrimack Station NPDES permit include paper and electronic records, and may include records of inter-governmental communications and deliberations by and between DES and EPA. We will prepare a log identifying any records that are determined to be non-public and the basis for that determination.

Because of the broad scope and complexity of your request, it will take approximately two weeks to give you a date when some or all of the requested records will be available to you.

Further communication regarding the NPDES permit for PSNH Merrimack Station will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Knowland".

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