

NHDES Contact of Ira and Regional Attorneys/Staff
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On September 1, 2010 senior staff of PSNH met with the Assistant Commissioner and other staff of NHDES.

A partial list of those attending the meeting:

NH Department of Environmental Services
M. Walls; Assistant Commissioner
H. Steward; Director Water Division
P. Heirtzler; Director Wastewater
S. Spanos; Wastewater Permitting
J. Andrews; Wastewater
R. Scott; Director Air Division
A. Brooks; NH Attorney General Office; Chief for Environmental Protection Bureau

Public Service of New Hampshire
John M. MacDonald; Vice President, Generation
W. Smagula; Director Generation
L. Landis; Staff Attorney
B. Needleman; Attorney with McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton
A. Palmer; Licensing Engineer

The meeting was requested by PSNH. The meeting objective was to discuss/determine a course of action that will allowed PSNH to operate Merrimack Station's Flue Gas Desulfurization Scrubber (FGD) system. PSNH was direct by the NH legislature to build the FGD and have it in operation by 2013. PSNH is well ahead of schedule, and will be ready to start operational testing of the FGD by mid-2011.

PSNH is concern that since: (1) Merrimack Station's NPDES permit does not contain effluent limits for the FGD, and (2) a reissued NPDES permit for Merrimack Station is months (if not a year) away, PSNH will not be allowed to operate the FGD.

It was stated during the meeting that NHDES will support PSNH's efforts to place the FGD in operation. It was further stated M. Walls and other NHDES staff would be contacting Ira, Region 1 attorneys and possible other Region staff concerning how to get the FGD operational.

John