



{In Archive} Unnoticed pH Data 

John King to: palmeag

12/16/2010 01:02 PM

From: John King/R1/USEPA/US
To: palmeag@nu.com
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Allan,

Your statement that, "... Given the vast volume of pH data that has been collected to date (that goes mostly unnoticed) ..." is not accurate. The DMR data base is analyzed each month by a computer program. If Merrimack Station violates its pH limit it is flagged. (The algorithm used is something like "X" violations over "Y" months) This analysis is done every month, for every NPDES permit issued in NH.

Since EPA enforcement, as far as I know, has not contacted PSNH, I assume you have had no pH violations.

John

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To: John King/R1/USEPA/US@EPA
From: palmeag@nu.com
Date: 12/16/2010 11:07AM
Subject: Monitoring Frequency

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To: Allan G. Palmer/NUS@NU
Date: 12/16/2010 08:45 AM
Subject: Re: Merrimack Station Capacity Factor

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