

{In Archive} Merrimack Thermal Loads

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In early November 2009 I verbally requested from Allan Palmer the thermal discharge loads generated by the various cooling options EPA directed PSNH to analyze for Merrimack Station. Palmer indicated he understood what I was requesting. We both thought a conference call with Enercon (PSNH consultant for the 308 response) would be appropriate to insure there were no misunderstandings concerning EPA's request.

I discussed EPA's request with Palmer today, and he replied PSNH attorney's were sending EPA a letter taking exception with EPA requesting the thermal loading information. I could not discern whether PSNH was attempting to slow the draft permit development or wanted a more formal request so PSNH could justify time and funds for calculating the thermal loads.

I suggest we wait for PSNH's letter. It appears to me EPA is probably going to need to send a 308 letter; but I want to read PSNH's letter first. Palmer indicates the letter will arrive the week of December 21.

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