



TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

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April 2, 2015

Mr. Wayne A Wheeler, P.E.
Solid Waste Management Bureau
NH Dept. of Environmental Services
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

RE: Type 1A Modification to Solid Waste Management Facility Permit
Bestway Disposal Services
43 Industrial Drive, Belmont NH

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We are writing to express our serious concerns with the above referenced project.

Northfield citizens residing in the village area of our town are provided with water by the Tilton-Northfield Water District (TNWD), which also supplies water to all of Northfield's public schools and all public buildings. TNWD obtains its water from a facility that includes two high volume gravel pack wells located 3,000 feet from the Bestway facility. There are no backup wells for this system; contamination of the aquifer that supplies this water would result in a major public health crisis for our town and its residents.

The Bestway facility is located within the Groundwater Protection District created to safeguard our drinking water. The proposal to allow the processing of municipal solid waste (MSW) at this facility and the increase in capacity from a daily maximum of 153 tons to 500 tons of material is of great concern to us. We believe that this substantial change in the nature of the facility has the potential of introducing contaminants into Northfield's drinking water supply.

Specifically, we ask for the opportunity to review the following elements with your staff:

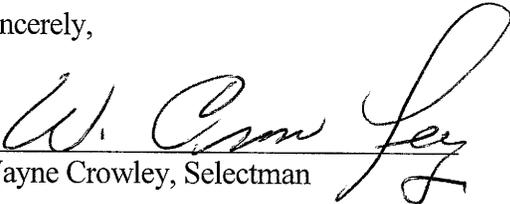
- Plans for the collection and disposal of leachate associated with MSW which could introduce contaminants into the aquifer,
- Storm water management plans,
- Surface water and groundwater monitoring plans,
- Plans relating to the storage of approximately 1,000 gallons of motor oil, hydraulic oil, etc. on site, including containment plans in the event of a breach of the storage units,
- Fire suppression plans, including disposal of wastewater generated during fire suppression activities,
- Contingency plans in the event that contamination of the tri-town aquifer does occur.

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The undersigned Northfield Selectmen formally requests that NHDES support our efforts to protect the water supply upon which our town depends and that the permit for the above referenced project be reviewed in an open and thorough manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Wayne Crowley, Selectman


Robert Southworth, Selectman

c: Tilton/Northfield Water District
Tilton Board of Selectmen
Belmont Board of Selectmen
Rick Skarinka, NHDES Drinking Water Bureau