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Solid Waste Management Bureau  
NH Dept of Environmental Services  
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Attn.: Wayne Wheeler  
Attn: Rick Skarinka Drinking Water Bureau

Dear Mr Wheeler & Mr Skarinka,

It has come to our attention that NHDES is considering modification to the Solid Waste Management Facility Permit of Bestway Disposal Services, 43 Industrial Drive, Belmont, NH. The NH Veterans Home as a user of water provided by the Tilton & Northfield Aqueduct Co, is concerned over the adverse effect this modification would have on the quality of water being provided to our 200 residents and 400 staff members. As a NH certified licensed water operator, lic #3171, I am extremely concerned over the potential damage to the Source Protection Program being administered by the Tilton Northfield Aqueduct Co.. By allowing expansion of this project, the cone of influence for the Wellhead Protection Area would be directly impacted. Both the NHDES & the EPA have been staunch supporters of Source Protection for many years and have been leading the way by educating water operators and the public in general, that Source Protection for our drinking water supplies is critical. The State at great effort and expense, has properly been promoting the importance of preserving these priceless resources.

As Tilton & Northfield Aqueduct Co has pointed out, their only source of water is from the 2 high volume gravel packed wells which services the towns of Northfield & Tilton, where the NH Veterans Home is located. Loss or damage to either of these resources would be disastrous and would be contrary to the State's efforts & intent of preserving our quality of water. The NH Veterans Home uses over 600,000 gallons of potable water annually. Insuring continued supply of clean, safe drinking water, and in sufficient volume is critical in supporting the care provided

our residents. Our Veterans depend on the uninterrupted supply being provided by Tilton & Northfield Aqueduct Co.. Please consider our concerns as you review this proposed project.

Thank you for your consideration

Armand Plourde  
NH Water Operator lic #3171

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Armand Plourde", written over the printed name and license number.

NH Veterans Home  
Director of Administrative Services