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April 2, 2015

Office of the Governor
Governor Maggie Hassan
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Hassan,

We have enclosed several items of great concern to the Tilton-Northfield Water District users for your review and consideration.

Bestway Disposal Services has a facility on Route #140 in Belmont, situated within the Wellhead Protection Area for the aquifer that provides the drinking water for the Towns of Tilton and Northfield. They are proposing an expansion to that facility that we feel could endanger the quality of the drinking water.

We respectfully request your review and input regarding our objections as we did not feel that the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Management Bureau adequately addressed our concerns at the hearing March 26th.

Protecting our clean drinking water is of the utmost importance to the Commissioners and the Water District users. Your time is much appreciated.

Thank you,

Scott W. Davis, Chairman
Commissioner

Roland C. Seymour
Commissioner

Arthur N. Demass
Commissioner

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March 26, 2015

Attention: Mr. Wayne A. Wheeler, P.E.
Solid Waste Management Bureau
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

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

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify NHDES that the Tilton-Northfield Water District (TNWD) has serious concerns regarding the above referenced project.

The TNWD owns and operates a public water supply facility that includes two high volume gravel pack wells that are in full operation within 3000 feet of the existing facility. It should also be understood that the two TNWD wells are the sole water supply for the towns of Tilton and Northfield. There are no other wells that supply water to the system and there are no backup water sources, therefore, the TNWD cannot lose the use of these wells.

Also, as part of the approval process through NHDES for the wells, a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) was established in the mid-1990s. Included with this letter is Attachment A, that shows the WHPA. In addition, attached is Attachment B, which is the Source Water Protection Area Map, provided to the TNWD from NHDES that clearly shows the "Approximate Delineation Boundary" for the WHPA on this map.

The TNWD has recently been made aware that NHDES has a Groundwater Classification RSA.
Under RSA 485-C, the TNWD understands that the aquifer that encompasses both the TNWD wells and the Bestway Disposal facility is classified as a GA2, described as a "Potentially valuable stratified drift aquifer". Stantec and the TNWD believe this WHPA should be considered under the NHDES classification of GAA which is for "delineated wellhead protection areas".

Because the TNWD wells on Rte. 140 have a documented WHPA, the TNWD is immediately proceeding with formally requesting that NHDES reclassify the wellhead protection area to a GAA level. In consideration of this, the TNWD requests that the subject solid waste management facility permit be reviewed under the guidelines of a facility located within a delineated WHPA.

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March 27, 2015

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Dear Mr. Wheeler,

The purpose of this letter is to formally state to the NHDES that the Tilton-Northfield Water District (TNWD) is completely opposed to the expansion of the Bestway Disposal Service on Route #140.

After the hearing Thursday evening in Belmont and the presentation of the facts at that meeting we cannot stress how strong our opposition is to this expansion.

We did not feel that the questions presented by our engineer were all addressed and it was quite clear that many of our District users are very much opposed to this project. We believe that this expansion will create too great a risk to our primary water source. Our primary goal is provide safe, clean drinking water to the District users of Tilton and Northfield and this action puts that water in serious jeopardy.

We thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Regards,
Tilton-Northfield Water District

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