



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



August 26, 2021

Joe Gay
Granite State Landfill, LLC
1855 Vermont Route 100
Hyde Park, VT 05655

SUBJECT: NHDES Water Division Permits for the Granite State Landfill

Dear Mr. Gay:

On September 3, 2020, Granite State Landfill, LLC submitted an application for a Wetlands Permit from the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Water Division (File # 2020-02239). This application is currently under review. The purpose of this letter is to request an amendment to the Wetlands application, pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, XIV(e), and that other Water Division-related permit applications be submitted at the same time to allow for a comprehensive and coordinated review of the impacts of the project on water resources.

The Wetlands application proposes to fill wetlands to facilitate the construction of a solid waste landfill on the property. The NHDES Waste Management Division is currently reviewing an application for a Solid Waste Permit, and the NHDES Air Resources Division is reviewing an application for a temporary permit for the proposed landfill. While the Wetlands application requests approval to impact wetlands for all three phases of the proposed landfill, the Solid Waste application covers only Phase 1 of the proposed landfill. In order to align the proposed areas of impact between the Solid Waste application and the Wetlands application, NHDES is requesting that Granite State Landfill, LLC submit an amendment to the pending Wetlands application to reflect only those wetland impacts associated with Phase 1 of the project. Please include the Amendment Request Form for a Wetlands Application or Permit available from the NHDES website¹. NHDES is also requesting that you respond, in writing, with a projected timeline for submitting the amended application and an extension request that would provide a reasonable timeframe for NHDES to conduct a comprehensive review of the amended application.

In addition, to allow a holistic assessment of impacts on water resources, NHDES requests that the amended Wetlands application be submitted in conjunction with other required applications under the NHDES Water Division's purview and related federal programs. Specifically, Granite State Landfill will need an Alteration of Terrain Permit to address land disturbance, stormwater management, flood storage, and wildlife & habitat impacts; an Individual 404 Federal Wetlands Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and a State-issued 401 Water Quality Certification of the Federal Wetlands Permit to ensure that proposed and potential discharges meet state water quality standards. These other applications have significant overlap with the Wetlands application and should be reviewed contemporaneously. Accordingly, NHDES recommends holding a meeting with all of the Water Division permitting programs and their federal partners prior to application submittal to coordinate the schedule for the various permit applications.

¹ <https://onlineforms.nh.gov/app/#/formversion/4262f89a-8b52-4ea3-990e-ffa8f015389a>

If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 271-2951.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rene Pelletier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rene Pelletier, P.G.
Assistant Director, Water Division

cc: Robert Scott, Commissioner
Michael Wimsatt, Director, Waste Management Division
Craig Wright, Director, Air Resources Division
Philip Trowbridge, Manager, Land Resources Management Program
Bryan Gould, Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A.