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# Town of Bethlehem

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Director Michael Wimsatt  
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October 15, 2008

RE: NCES Type I B Modification to Standard Permit DES-SW-SP-03-002

Dear Director Wimsatt,

The Bethlehem Board of Selectmen submits this letter as commentary for the public record regarding NCES' request for a permit modification.

At the public information meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and the DES' presentation of health risk assessment information, there was much discussion regarding the testing, or lack thereof, of private wells and natural springs that abut, are located near or are down gradient from the NCES solid waste facility on Trudeau Road in Bethlehem. The Board of Selectmen write to officially request that the DES facilitate the testing of private wells and springs located near or down gradient of the NCES landfill - particularly on Much More Road and Laurel Lane. We understand that the town is providing bottled water to homes in this area. We specifically request that the samples be gathered and the tests be conducted by an independent agent without an interest in the outcome and that the testing be blind. We also specifically request that the tests screen for not only heavy metals but also for volatile organic compounds, including those that have been identified in the NCES test wells. It is our contention that testing of the private wells and nearby springs should be completed before any further consideration is given to NCES' application for a permit modification.

Respectfully submitted,

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