

**Wheeler, Wayne**

**From:** Wimsatt, Mike  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2008 4:32 PM  
**To:** Guilfooy, Mike; Wheeler, Wayne; Kenison, Karlee; Regan, John; Hoyt-Denison, Pamela  
**Subject:** FW: Casella groundwater contamination should delay consideration of future expansion permits

FYI. I sent an acknowledgement of receipt to Seth. Wayne or Mike, please print and add to the NCES file.

Thanks,

Mike

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**From:** Seth [mailto:sethbg@rcn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2008 12:44 PM  
**To:** Wimsatt, Mike  
**Cc:** Burack, Thomas S; governorlynch@nh.gov; Katherine.peters@nh.gov; Regan, John; Tara; Martha McLeod; Frank Tupper  
**Subject:** Casella groundwater contamination should delay consideration of future expansion permits

Dear Director Wimsatt,

I would like to request that at least three years of clean well results are collected before any new expansion permit is considered at the Casella/Bethlehem landfill, so that groundwater pollution issues can be properly addressed and proof of their resolution obtained.

Reportedly Casella is hard at work redesigning their proposal and will re-submit a new design in the near future. My concern is that before any new or modified permit be considered, groundwater remediation should be fully complete and adequate time allowed in order to determine its success or failure.

We have learned that once a permit is granted it is very difficult to revoke. Therefore I feel utmost care should be given to determine the site is 100% safe before, or if, it is allowed to expand.

Casella Manager Kevin Roy has reportedly stated that he believes he must merely demonstrate "progress" resolving the ground water issue, in order to satisfy DES concerns.

As a resident, potentially effected by Casella's pollution in the area, I feel mere "progress" is not satisfactory at all! I feel justified in asking for irrefutable proof that the matter is resolved and the groundwater is safe before a permit is considered. Bethlehem and the State of New Hampshire should not be left holding the bill, cleaning up Casella's mess, simply because of Casella's zest to generate revenue. If a permit is granted prematurely and landfill leaks are later discovered it would be a financially disastrous, irreversible and an unforgivable mistake.

Casella's experts have stated it takes approximately one year for groundwater to travel from the lined landfill to the wells. Perhaps it is longer in some cases. As such I respectfully request that at least three years of clean bromide tests be required before any expansion permit is considered. I feel this minimal time frame is logical and reasonable in assuring the safety of the public and environment.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth Goldstein