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Commissioner Robert R. Scott
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Subject: Request for Clarification on NCES Landfill Capacity

Dear Commissioner Scott,

The Bethlehem Select Board respectfully requests clarification from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) regarding the current and projected remaining capacity of the North Country Environmental Services (NCES) landfill located in Bethlehem, NH.

Recent discussions and reports have raised questions about the accuracy of previously reported capacity figures and the landfill's remaining operational lifespan. Given the importance of this facility to both the Town of Bethlehem and the region, the Select Board seeks to ensure that reliable and transparent data are available to inform local planning decisions and community discussions.

Specifically, the Board requests:

1. The most recent NHDES-verified data on NCES's remaining permitted airspace and estimated years of capacity under current and projected waste intake rates;
2. Any pending permit applications or modifications related to capacity expansion or operational changes; and
3. The methodology used by NHDES to verify NCES's reported capacity and compliance with its permit conditions.

We ask that this information be provided in writing or through a public briefing at the earliest opportunity. Accurate and timely information is essential for maintaining public confidence in the oversight process and for supporting responsible municipal planning.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued cooperation with the Town of Bethlehem. Please direct any correspondence to the Select Board Office at the address above or via email to admin@bethlehemnh.org.

Respectfully,

Nancy Strand

Nancy Strand,
Chair, Bethlehem Select Board