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November 30, 2011

Curt Spaulding, Region 1 Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
5 Post Office Square - Suite 100  
Boston, MA 02109-3912

RE: NPDES Permit #NH0100196 - Great Bay estuary, NH

Dear Mr. Spaulding:

We are writing in response to your request for comments on proposed limits to point-source nitrogen discharge into the Great Bay estuary.

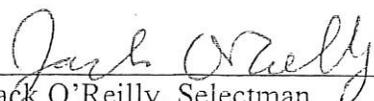
The Town of Newington currently has plans underway to upgrade our wastewater treatment plant to meet the proposed nitrogen standard of 3 milligrams per liter. Concurrently, we are undertaking an aggressive program to reduce non-point sources.

Obviously, our efforts would be for naught unless other communities in the watershed were to take comparable measures.

**Accordingly, the Town Newington urges the EPA to move quickly and decisively, and in a comprehensive fashion, to reduce the volume of all sources of nitrogen that contribute to the impairment of water quality in the estuary.**

We support the proposed 3-milligram standard. We have no doubt that building wastewater infrastructure to a more rigorous standard will be expensive. Yet failure to do so would ultimately cost us a great deal more.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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Jack O'Reilly, Selectman

  
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Rick Stern, Selectman

cc: NH's congressional delegation  
Governor John Lynch  
Local legislators  
Thomas Burack, NH DES  
Great Bay area communities