



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Michael P. Nolin**  
Commissioner

August 26, 2005

Mr. Dana Clement, Superintendent  
Allentown Wastewater Treatment Facility  
36 Canal Street  
Allentown, NH 03275

**Re: Allentown WWTF – Wastewater Connection Moratorium**

Dear Mr. Clement:

This letter serves to notify the Town of Allentown and the Town of Pembroke, as a satellite community, of a DES-imposed moratorium on wastewater connections to the Allentown Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF).

By letter dated April 19, 2002, DES notified you that the Allentown WWTF had exceeded 80% of its 1.05 MGD hydraulic design capacity for extended periods. Further, that "[only] approximately 100,000 gallons/day of capacity remains" at the treatment facility. The letter instructed the Town(s) to secure DES approvals for any new wastewater connections to the municipal collection system, and recommended that the Town of Allentown initiate planning for WWTF improvements/expansion.

Since the April 22, 2002 letter, the Towns of Allentown and Pembroke have requested - and DES has authorized - additional wastewater connections totaling 100,000 gallons/day. It appears that plant hydraulic capacity is now exhausted, and therefore DES will NOT authorize additional wastewater connections until plant capacity is restored.

We are informed that the Town of Allentown has retained an engineering consultant to evaluate the existing treatment facilities, and to investigate and recommend upgrade alternatives. We commend the Town on these initial efforts. We also strongly recommend that the Town and its consultant meet with DES to discuss any plant improvements with specific regard to technical design requirements, water quality modeling efforts, effluent discharge limitations, funding availability, project scheduling and other important issues. Be reminded that facility planning, design and construction efforts are potentially eligible for DES loan/grant funding assistance.

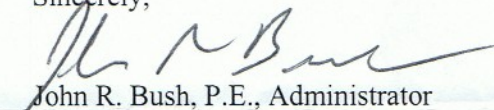
In the interim, until WWTF improvements are completed, DES may authorize *limited* additional wastewater connections to the wastewater collection/treatment system upon demonstration that the Town(s) have:

- \* Rescinded expired or unused wastewater connection approvals; or
- \* Documented and quantified extraneous (infiltration/inflow) flow removal from the sewer collection system; or
- \* Executed a contract for construction of DES-approved WWTF improvements/expansion.

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Feel free to contact me or Mr. Stephen H. Roberts, Senior Sanitary Engineer, of my staff, at the address below if you need clarification or additional information regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,



John R. Bush, P.E., Administrator  
Wastewater Engineering Bureau

cc: *Allenstown Sewer Commission*  
*Allenstown Board of Selectmen*  
*Allenstown Administrative Assistant*  
*Pembroke Sewer Commission*  
*Pembroke Board of Selectmen*  
*Pembroke Town Administrator*  
*George Berlandi, P.E. - DES*