

Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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RE: [name and location of facility], Present use: [List present use of property]

Dear [Customer, Neighbor, Facility Owner]:

I am pleased to report that the Town of Plaistow received a grant to review the Town's critical groundwater resources, the sole source of drinking water for Plaistow's citizens and businesses.

As part of the grant, we are reaching out to a number of businesses and residents to help establish partnerships to support a greater awareness of water resource challenges facing Plaistow. The ultimate goal is to protect the quality and quantity of Plaistow's drinking water supply by identifying and managing potential sources of contamination. As part of this effort we have initiated a program to ensure that substances that have the potential to pollute groundwater are managed in a manner so that they are not released into our environment.

We hope to provide additional information to Plaistow residents and businesses on how we can all do more to prevent groundwater pollutants from affecting Plaistow's drinking water resources. Clean drinking water is one of the most important public health responsibilities and also plays a critical role in supporting Plaistow's economic development and sustainability. Attached is a Fact Sheet from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) involving how to prevent groundwater contamination. New Hampshire presently has regulations that may apply to your operations and require "best management practices" for preventing groundwater contamination. Best Management Practices for Groundwater Protection, are also available online at NHDES's website: (http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/documents/env-wq401.pdf).

Over the next few weeks Plaistow's Chief Building Official Mike Dorman will be reaching out to you with a short survey and potentially a follow up site visit. The program is intended to ensure that simple and common sense practices that limit groundwater contamination are in place.

We look forward to working with you on this endeavor and appreciate your cooperation as we move forward with the project. In the meantime, if you should have any questions please feel free to call Mr. Dorman at 603-382-1191 x20.

With appreciation for all you do to help promote a safer and cleaner Plaistow!

Sincerely,

Town Manager

Enclosures: NH DES Fact Sheet 22-4