SEC Rules state:

Site 301.05 (b) (3) requires: "A narrative and graphic description, including maps and photographs, of the physiographic, historical and cultural features of the landscape surrounding the proposed facility to provide the context for evaluating any visual impacts;"

NPT maps are designed to obscure the physiographic and cultural features, which should include state, local and federal conservation lands as well as cultural landscapes. The maps are of poor quality and low resolution. They have no topographic lines and only the faintest indication of terrain/mountains. Roads are barely visible and only a few streams and mountain peaks are indicated.

Compare them to the maps produced by AMC and Ed Rolfe. The latter are designed to *show* terrain, and the inadequacy of the NPT maps is painfully clear. This e-mail is too small to show the quality of AMC's and Ed Rolfe's maps, and I encourage the SEC to purchase these and look at them.

Then, go one step further and remember "a map is not the territory it represents," as you hopefully saw in Coos. It took me half an hour to find what section of the Visual impact map showed where the SEC tour bus stopped on Diamond Pond Road (where there was a large anti-NP sign in front of a house and the landowner came out). So compare the map below with what you saw there, if you can even figure out where you were on the map, with its invisible roads and lack of labeling.

In addition, Lake Umbagog appears to be in the visual impact zone, and Maine should be informed.







