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Dear Ms. Esterberg:

It has come to our attention that the geotechnical boring subcontractors working for Northern Pass appear to be operating without DOT, DES or WMNF supervision or inspection. The contractors are pumping water from local streams and causing sedimentation in these streams. They are discharging water along the road and it is unknown what chemicals they may be using in their boring.

The DOT permits for Northern Pass state that the contractor agrees to reimburse the State of New Hampshire for the services of a State Inspector when assigned to this project to insure compliance with the terms of this permit.

We formally request a State Inspector to be present during all drilling DOT has permitted in the Town of Easton. We also request Material Safety Data Sheets on all chemicals used by the contractors. The present conditions of unsupervised work are unacceptable.

Boring will not be permitted with 50' of any stream or within any wetland, in accordance with the Easton Wetlands Conservation Overlay District zoning and Aquifer Protection district. This includes holes 18A, 20A, 20B, 105, 21A, 21B, 22A, 22C, 23A, 23B, 119, 121, 123 as delineated by NPT. We also ask why bore hole 121 has several question marks appended to it in the application.

DOT permits for NPT state that no work shall take place on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays or during inclement weather except with the permission of the District Engineer.

We request notification of any permission given the applicant to work on weekends or during inclement weather.

DOT permits for NPT also state "Following completion of the construction activities, the District Engineer will inspect the completed work. Final acceptance may be reasonably withheld should the work not be completed in an acceptable manner and in accordance with that terms of this permit."

Yet after the last boring, two bore holes were left unfilled in Easton. This indicates no one from DOT inspected the boring after completion.

We request that our Selectboard and Conservation Commission be notified when DOT plans to inspect the boring after completion off the current boring, so one of our members may accompany the DOT inspector.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ned Cutler, Chairman Easton Selectboard
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Cc: Kris Pastoriza, Chair, Easton Conservation Commission
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