

From: Kernen, Brandon
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:20 PM
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Subject: RE: Water test database

Ms. Durling:

Regardless of the NED or any other project, private well owners are strongly encouraged to sample their wells. NHDES' guidance on this topic can be found at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well_testing/index.htm and NHDES is available to support general private well testing initiatives.

NHDES does not have a database that private well owners can report their data to at this time. We have maintained project specific datasets as part of numerous standalone sampling projects statewide.

We do have the capacity to develop a data repository without too much expense, but the issue is that in order to populate the database, each of the labs that people elect to use would need to agree to prepare their data in specified format and submit it electronically. Alternatively, NHDES could also establish a contact person and maintain a file of water quality results that are submitted to us. People just need to understand that if they submit information to us, it becomes information that is available to the general public upon request.

NHDES requires the sampling of nearby drinking water wells when rock blasting occurs. The entities completing the project collect data and report it to NHDES in a format specified by NHDES. A detailed blasting and water quality sampling plan for the NED project has not been submitted to NHDES at this time. Representatives of this project had met with NHDES to generally discuss this activity.

Regards

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From: Winchester Pipeline Awareness [<mailto:winchesterpipelineawareness@gmail.com>]
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New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services:

Residents of Winchester are concerned about the possibility of water contamination with construction of the Northeast Energy Direct natural gas pipeline. Many residents have already or

are considering testing their water wells. We would like to report our results to a statewide database for monitoring.

A New Hampshire database would help ensure any contamination would be quickly noted and dealt with.

Is your department aware of any such database? If there is no recording system at present, would the DES consider requiring the builders of the NED pipeline to fund such a program?

Respectfully,

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