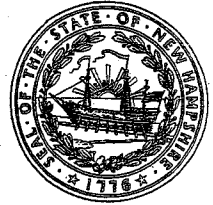


EXHIBIT V



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

March 30, 2007

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Subject: Certification of NPDES Permit Issuance
Portsmouth Wastewater Treatment Facility
NPDES/State Permit No. NH0100234

Dear Mr. Pitt:

By letter dated July 24, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requested State Certification of the NPDES Permit scheduled to be issued to the Portsmouth Wastewater Treatment Facility in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

After appropriate staff review, State Certification is hereby granted pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The permit will ensure that the requirements in Title 50 RSA 485-A and administrative rule New Hampshire Env-Ws 1700 (Surface Water Quality Regulations) are met.

Upon final issuance by the federal EPA, the Department of Environmental Services may adopt the permit, including all terms and conditions, as a state permit pursuant to RSA 485-A:13.

Sincerely,

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Wastewater Engineering Bureau

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Damien Houlihan, EPA-NE