The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

August 18, 2006

LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 06-092
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Paul Beroney
1131 Main Street
Berlin, NH 03570

Subject: Stratford - Public Water System: North Stratford MHP (EPA #2223020)

Dear Mr. Beroney:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the subject water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more service connections, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year. As such, the owner of the water system is required to comply with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 300, *New Hampshire Drinking Water Rules*.

PERMIT TO OPERATE

Pursuant to Env-Ws 303.03, the water system owner is required to obtain a "permit to operate" from DES. This permit must be renewed by July 1st of each year.

According to Env-Ws 303.03(e) the permit to operate for community water systems is calculated at $10 per service connection or household equivalent, to a maximum of $300.00. DES records show that the PWS has failed to pay for and obtain a permit to operate for state fiscal year 2007, which began July 1, 2006, and is, therefore, in violation of Env-Ws 303.03.

DES believes the permit to operate violation can be corrected by taking the following action:

1. **By September 4, 2006, complete the permit application, make any necessary corrections to the "Contact Information Report," and pay the outstanding permit to operate fee of $200.00 for state fiscal year 2007.**

For your convenience, a new permit application and Contact Information Report are enclosed. **Please review both documents, make any necessary corrections, and sign the application.** Checks should be made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire." Please include your system's EPA number on the check. Please contact Linda Thompson at (603) 271-3544 or by email at *lthompson@des.state.nh.us*, if you have any questions regarding the permit to operate renewal process.

BACTERIA MONITORING

The water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for bacterialogical water quality in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325. DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit a **July 2006** bacteria sample, and as a result a Monitoring and Reporting violation has occurred. If you have evidence to the contrary, please forward the information immediately to this office and our records will be modified accordingly. (Please note that if the sample you collected on 8/8/06 was intended to be July's sample, it was collected too late. The sample has been accepted as your system's routine August sample.)

Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, failure to comply with the provisions of Env-Ws 325 requires that you give notice of such failure to each consumer within 30 days as specified on the enclosed handout. Proof of public notification must be submitted to this office within 10 days of providing notice to your customers. Please continue to submit water samples according to the water system's Master Sampling Schedule enclosed.

In the event compliance is not achieved within the above listed period(s), DES may take further enforcement action. These actions include issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

All the above requested information should be addressed as follows:

Department of Environmental Services
Attn: Emily Jones
Water Supply Engineering Bureau
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Emily Jones at (603) 271-0659 or by email at *ejones@des.state.nh.us.*

Sincerely,

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Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Enclosure:	Permit to Operate Application and Contact Information Report Master Sampling Schedule Public Notice Form
cc w/encl:	Marc Bergeron, Primary Operator
cc:	✓ Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator Health Officer Town of Stratford EPA, Region 1
ec:	Linda Thompson, DES/WSEB Barbara Davis, DES/WSEB