



The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**  
 March 1, 2011

The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chairman  
 Resources, Recreation and Development Committee  
 Legislative Office Building, Room 305  
 Concord, NH 03301

**RE: Amendment to HB 27, relative to de minimis impact work in designated river corridors.**

Dear Chairman Renzullo:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the amendment to HB 27, relative to de minimis impact work in designated river corridors. This amendment would extend the exemption of certain permitted septage and sludge land application sites within certain distances of natural, rural, rural community, and community rivers for 5 years. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) supports this amendment to HB 27 as written.

The amendment to HB 27 seeks to amend RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Act (RMPA), by extending the "grandfathered" status of existing land application sites that receive septage and sludge for agricultural purposes in certain designated river corridors. These sites have been grandfathered for 5 and 2 year increments since 1998 in previous amendments to RSA 483. The "grandfathered" status of these sites is currently set to expire on January 1, 2012.

The proposed amendment to the RMPA would affect eleven agricultural properties where sludge is land applied and one property where septage is land applied. Please see attached map and chart for details. There is no evidence to suggest that these "grandfathered sites" have caused degradation to water quality of the adjacent rivers, which leads DES to support this amendment to extend the "grandfathered status" of these sites for another 5 years, until January 1, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. If you have any questions please contact me at 271-2958 or Patricia Hannon at 271-2758.

Sincerely,  
  
 Thomas S. Burack  
 Commissioner

Attachments

cc: Rep. Kappler	Rep. Spang	Rep. Pettengill	Rep. Hutchinson
Rep. Russell	Rep. Agular	Rep. Parkhurst	Rep. Schroadter
Rep. Bolster	Rep. Ahlgren	Rep. Thomas	Rep. Moody
Rep. Lovett	Rep. Howard	Rep. Merrow	



## Land Application Sites Potentially Affected by 250' Designated Rivers Setback When Grandfathered Status Ends January 1, 2012

### *Biosolids Sites*

#### **Designated River**

Town (Original Site Name) Current Site Name Spreadable Acres/Potential Reduction/Usable Acres

#### **Upper Merrimack**

##### Boscawen:

(The Crete Family site off Route 3) Highway View Farm – Sanborn Field  
 Spreadable Acres: 169.1 Potential Reduction: 26.5 Usable Acres: 142.6  
 (Bruce Crete site) Highway View Farm – Home Fields at 100 River Road  
 Spreadable Acres: 108.7 Potential Reduction: 23.3 Usable Acres: 85.4  
 (Paul Knox site) Highway View Farm – 3M AgriCom off River Road  
 Spreadable Acres: 133.7 Potential Reduction: 31.3 Usable Acres: 102.4

##### Concord:

(R.P. Bass site off Loudon Road /W. Portsmouth Street) Green Gold Farm – E. Concord Field  
 Spreadable Acres: 104 Potential Reduction: 13.6 Usable Acres: 90.4  
 (City of Concord site off Hall Street) Green Gold Farm – Hall Street Field  
 Spreadable Acres: 23.4 Potential Reduction: 6.2 Usable Acres: 17.2  
 (L.A. Brochu site off W. Portsmouth Street) Green Gold Farm – Brochu Field  
 Spreadable Acres: 10.4 Potential Reduction: 1.8 Usable Acres: 8.6  
 (Keith Richard site off Loudon Road) Green Gold Farm – King Plaza Field  
 Spreadable Acres: 24.4 Potential Reduction: 5.5 Usable Acres: 18.9

##### Penacook:

Morrill Home Farm- Field 5  
 Spreadable Acres: 56.3 Potential Reduction: 4.5 Usable Acres: 51.8

##### Franklin:

(NHDES WRBP site at River Street) Daniel Webster Farm  
 Spreadable Acres: 32.8 Potential Reduction: 6 Usable Acres: 26.8

#### **Connecticut River**

##### Piermont:

Dale Lewis Farm – Underhill Fields  
 Spreadable Acres: 18.1 Potential Reduction: 4.4 Usable Acres: 13.7

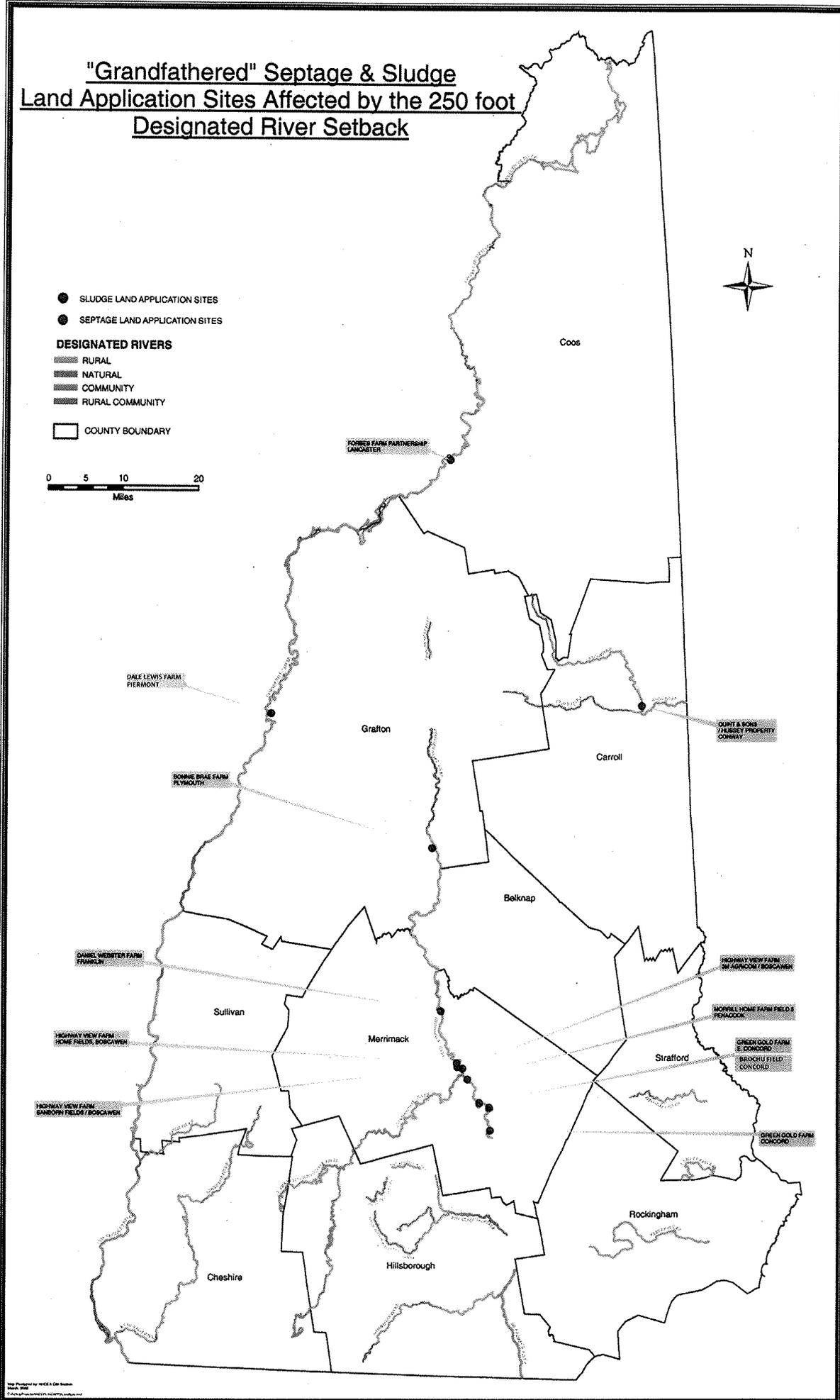
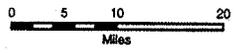
#### **Pemigewasset River**

##### Plymouth:

(Ahern site) Bonnie Brae Farm off Plymouth Road.  
 Spreadable Acres: 15.1 Potential Reduction: 1.5 Usable Acres: 13.6

# "Grandfathered" Septage & Sludge Land Application Sites Affected by the 250 foot Designated River Setback

- SLUDGE LAND APPLICATION SITES
  - SEPTAGE LAND APPLICATION SITES
- DESIGNATED RIVERS**
- ▨ RURAL
  - ▨ NATURAL
  - ▨ COMMUNITY
  - ▨ RURAL COMMUNITY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY



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