



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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The Honorable Chris Christensen, Chair
House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 368, Establishing an Exemption from Shoreland Permitting for Certain Road Maintenance Projects.

Dear Chairman Christensen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 368, establishing an exemption from shoreland protection permitting requirements for maintenance and repairs of existing roads and for borings and test wells. Current Shoreland Program Rule section Env-Wt 1406.04 already exempts repair and maintenance projects that do not expand the area of impact or impervious surface from the Shoreland Protection permitting requirements. Geotechnical borings have already been designated by rule as qualifying for the five business day Shoreland Permit by Notification process outlined in RSA 483-B:5-b. The Department of Environmental Services supports the current legislation as further clarification of our existing authorities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on SB 368. If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact Rene Pelletier (Rene.Pelletier@des.nh.gov, 271-2951) or Darlene Forst (Darlene.forst@des.nh.gov, 271-4067).

Sincerely,

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

cc: Senator Bradley