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Subject: Request for Waiver for Town of Fremont from
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permitting Requirements

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The purpose of this letter is to formally request that the Town of Fremont NH be granted a waiver pursuant to 40CFR122.32 (d) from the requirement to obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for the MS4 that we own and operate in the small urbanized area (UA) in town.

The Town of Fremont is a small community of 4,283 people in southeastern New Hampshire. It is a rural and slowly developing bedroom community. The Town does not have sewers and zoning requires that single-family homes be built on lots of at least two (2) acres.

We believe that this request is appropriate for the following reasons:

- Our UA, based on the 2010 Census, shows a population of only 665 persons.
- The four small isolated UA's total only 0.72 square miles or only 4.1 percent of the town's total area (17.4 sq. mi.)
- The storm drainage systems in the UA's are almost totally drainage swales discharging to intermittent streams and the soils in the area allow for significant infiltration. We do not believe that any of the swales are interconnected to a neighboring town's MS4 since the land all slopes toward the Exeter River.
- The unnamed tributary to the Lamprey River is not on the State's 303(d) list of impaired waters. We believe that the listed impairments for the Lamprey River itself (pH and Al) and for the Exeter River (pH) are due to acid rain.
- Our Planning Board Chairman Roger Barham discussed this with Jeff Andrews of the NH Department of Environmental Services on October 19, 2012 and he supports this request. Mr. Andrews recently evaluated the potential for activities occurring within our UA to affect surface water quality.

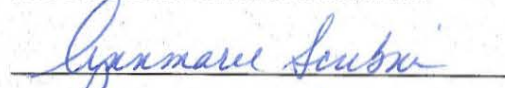
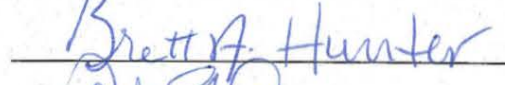
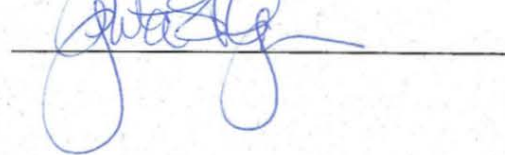
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A prompt reply to this letter is requested since we do not wish to expend resources unnecessarily on the Notice of Intent if the permit requirement can be waived.

If you have any questions relative to this request please call Town Administrator Heidi Carlson in our office at (603) 895 2226 x 10.

Sincerely yours,

The Fremont Board of Selectmen

cc: Jeffrey G Andrews, P.E., NHDES
Fremont Planning Board
Fremont Road Agent Mark Pitkin
Fremont Building Inspector Bob Meade