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Erin Holmes
NHDES DWG Trust Fund Administrator
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Re: Support Letter for Merrimack Village District Grant Application – Artificial Recharge Project (MVD Wells 4 & 5)

Dear Ms. Holmes:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter in support of the Merrimack Village District’s (MVD) Infrastructure Improvement Grant application. The proposed project would provide for the design and preliminary engineering for artificial recharge of MVD’s currently offline supply wells #4 and #5, to assist in the remediation of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) contamination.

The Town of Merrimack (Town) is deeply concerned about the PFOA and PFOS contamination in the environment. At this point, the public, local, state, and federal officials are quite familiar with the contamination issues that have been experienced in Merrimack, Litchfield, Bedford, and Amherst. For more than 2 years, the Town has been working with affected residents, NHDES, and St. Gobain Performance Plastics to come up with solutions to the contamination issues. With an agreement in place with St. Gobain to fund a separate filtration project, critically needed infrastructure improvements are beginning to be made, which will protect the Town’s residents and businesses from the effects of these emerging contaminants.

The Town is committed to the public to remain vigilant regarding the safety of its citizens and make every effort to keep abreast of the myriad complex issues related to this problem. The Town of Merrimack has always been at the forefront of protecting public health and the environment and urges NHDES to approve the MVD grant request, which would allow for the design and engineering of the artificial recharge project, which, if implemented, should extend the effectiveness and maintenance costs associated with the filtration of PFOA and PFOS in the aquifer serving Wells 4 & 5 in addition to increasing the production capacity of the wells, lessening the chances for system wide supply shortages should there be any instances where other production wells are taken off-line.

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Please feel free to contact me at (603) 424-2331, if you have any questions or comments on the information provided in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Rothhaus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Finlay C. Rothhaus
Town Council Chair
Town of Merrimack NH

CC: Eileen Cabanel, Town Manager
Ron Miner, Merrimack Village District