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April 20, 2016

Ryan Charbonneau  
Northeast Aggregate Corporation  
1881 Sheldon Road, Apt. 1  
St. Albans, VT 05478

**Re: Draft Discharge Permit #3-1469**

Dear Mr. Charbonneau:

We are proposing to issue you the above referenced permit for the discharge of quarry wastewater from the Northeast Aggregate Corporation to an unnamed tributary of Hungerford Brook. A draft of this permit is enclosed for your review and comment. Please note that we have added a monthly monitoring requirement for total suspended solids (TSS). During an internal review of the draft permit, the Monitoring Assessment and Planning Program requested this be added citing this requirement will provide information to evaluate in the event there are exceedances in either TSS or Turbidity. TSS values are also used to compare instream flow to assess potential impacts.

In order to facilitate the issuance of your permit in the shortest possible time, we are also placing it on the required 30-day public notice immediately. If we do not hear from you within 30 days of the date of this letter and if there is no response within 30 days which requires a public hearing or major permit modification, the permit will be sent to the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources or her designated representative for final approval and signature.

If you have questions regarding the draft permit or you wish to meet with us to discuss it, please contact Allison Lowry at (802) 490-6188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest F. Kelley".

Ernest F. Kelley, Program Manager  
Wastewater and Residuals Management Program  
Watershed Management Division

Enclosures (2)

cc:

Liz Dickson, Wastewater Management Program VT DEC

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
ONE NATIONAL LIFE DRIVE, MAIN BUILDING, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
MONTPELIER, VT 05620-3522

Permit No.: 3-1469  
PIN: EJ00-0085  
NPDES No.: VT0000906

**DRAFT**  
**DISCHARGE PERMIT**

In compliance with the provisions of the Vermont Water Pollution Control Act as amended (10 V.S.A. chapter 47), the Vermont Water Pollution Control Permit Regulations as amended, and the federal Clean Water Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §1251 *et seq.*),

Northeast Aggregate Corporation  
1881 Sheldon Road, Apt. 1  
St. Albans, VT 05478

(hereinafter referred to as the "Permittee") is authorized by the Secretary of Natural Resources (Secretary) to discharge from a facility located at:

Pond Road  
Swanton, Vermont

to an unnamed tributary of Hungerford Brook, Class B at the point of discharge in accordance with the following conditions.

This permit shall become effective on the date of signing.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire on **March 31, 2021**.

Alyssa B. Schuren, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter LaFlamme, Director  
Watershed Management Division

I.

**A. EFFLUENT LIMITS and MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

1. Until March 31, 2021, the Permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall serial number S/N 001: Discharge from quarry operations to an unnamed tributary of Hungerford Brook. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the Permittee as specified below:

| EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS | DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS              |              | MONITORING REQUIREMENTS |             |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                          | Monthly Average                    | Maximum Day  | Measurement Frequency   | Sample Type |
| Flow                     |                                    | As necessary | None                    | None        |
| Turbidity                | 10 NTU <sup>1</sup>                |              | 1 x monthly             | Grab        |
| Total Suspended Solids   | 10 mg/l                            |              | 1 x monthly             | Grab        |
| pH                       | Between 6.5 and 8.5 Standard Units |              | 1 x monthly             | Grab        |

*Samples collected in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be collected at the sedimentation basin outfall.*

<sup>1</sup> If a turbidity sample exceeds 10 NTU, the permittee shall immediately (i.e., the next business day there is a discharge) collect and analyze another sample of the discharge for turbidity.

## 2. Special Conditions

- a. This discharge shall not cause a violation of the water quality standards of the receiving water.
- b. This discharge shall be sampled once per month while quarrying operations are in progress. At the end of the quarrying season the permittee shall include a statement with the final monthly Discharge Monitoring Report (Form WR-43) indicating the operating season's end date. The permittee will not be required to sample or submit monthly monitoring reports during inactive times at the operation. The permittee shall notify the Department, in writing, prior to commencing quarry operations.
- c. Settled solids shall be removed from the basin as necessary to maintain compliance with effluent limitations specified in Part I.A. above. Removed solids will be transported and disposed off-site at an approved landfill and shall comply with the Solid Waste Management Rules. Dates of inspections, cleanings and other maintenance operations shall be reported on that month's Discharge Monitoring Report (Form WR-43).
- d. The permittee shall provide sufficient rip-rap at the 36" culvert to prevent erosion during the discharge.
- e. The sedimentation basin outfall and downgradient areas shall be inspected regularly (at least monthly) for signs of erosion. The date of the inspection shall be noted on the monthly Discharge Monitoring Report (Form WR-43). The permittee shall take prompt action to correct any instances of erosion resulting from the discharge.
- f. The discharge of any fuel, chemicals, or other pollutants not specifically authorized by this permit is prohibited.

## B. REAPPLICATION

If the Permittee desires to continue to discharge after the expiration of this permit, the Permittee shall reapply on the application forms then in use at least 180 days before this permit expires.

Reapply for a Discharge Permit by: **September 30, 2020**

## C. OPERATING FEES

This discharge is subject to operating fees as required by 3 V.S.A. § 2822.

## D. MONITORING AND REPORTING

### 1. Sampling and Analysis

The sampling, preservation, handling, and analytical methods used shall conform to the test procedures published in 40 C.F.R. Part 136.

The permittee shall use sufficiently sensitive test procedures (i.e., methods) approved under the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 136 for the analysis of the pollutants or pollutant parameters specified in Condition I.A. above.

Samples shall be representative of the volume and quality of effluent discharged over the sampling and reporting period. All samples are to be taken during normal operating hours. The Permittee shall identify the effluent sampling location used for each discharge.

## 2. Reporting

The Permittee is required to submit monthly reports of monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form WR-43. Reports are due on the 15th day of each month, beginning with the month following the effective date of this permit.

If, in any reporting period, there has been no discharge, the Permittee must submit that information by the report due date.

Signed copies of these, and all other reports required herein, shall be submitted to the Secretary at the following address:

Agency of Natural Resources  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Watershed Management Division  
One National Life Drive, Main Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Montpelier VT 05620-3522

All reports shall be signed:

- a. In the case of corporations, by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president, or his/her duly authorized representative, if such representative is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge described in the permit form originates and the authorization is made in writing and submitted to the Agency.
- b. In the case of a partnership, by a general partner;
- c. In the case of a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor; or
- d. In the case of a municipal, State, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.

## 3. Recording of Results

The Permittee shall maintain records of all information resulting from any monitoring activities required, including:

- a. The exact place, date, and time of sampling or measurements;
- b. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- c. The dates and times the analyses were performed;
- d. The individual(s) who performed the analysis;
- e. The analytical techniques and methods used including sample collection handling and preservation techniques;
- f. The results of such analyses.
- g. The records of monitoring activities and results, including all instrumentation and calibration and maintenance records; and
- h. The original calculation and data bench sheets of the operator who performed analysis of the influent or effluent pursuant to requirements of Section I.A. of this permit.

The results of monitoring requirements shall be reported (in the units specified) on the DMR WR-43 or other forms approved by the Agency.

#### **4. Additional Monitoring**

If the Permittee monitors any pollutant at the location(s) designated herein more frequently than required by this permit, using approved analytical methods as specified above, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the values required in the DMR WR-43. Such increased frequency shall also be indicated.

## **II. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **A. MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1. Facility Modification / Change in Discharge**

All discharges authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit. The discharge of any pollutant more frequently than, or at a level in excess of, that identified and authorized by this permit shall constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit. Such a violation may result in the imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapters 47, 201, and/or 211. Any anticipated facility alterations or expansions or process modifications which will result in new, different, or increased discharges of any pollutants must be reported by submission of a new permit application or, if such changes will not violate the effluent limitations specified in this permit, by notice to the Agency of such changes. Following such notice, the permit may be modified to specify and limit any pollutants not previously limited.

#### **2. Noncompliance Notification**

The Permittee shall give advance notice to the Agency of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

In the event the Permittee is unable to comply with any of the conditions of this permit due, among other reasons, to:

- a. Breakdown or maintenance of waste treatment equipment (biological and physical-chemical systems including all pipes, transfer pumps, compressors, collection ponds or tanks for the segregation of treated or untreated wastes, ion exchange columns, or carbon absorption units);
- b. Accidents caused by human error or negligence;
- c. Any unanticipated bypass or upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit;
- d. Violation of a maximum day discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Agency in this permit; or
- e. Other causes such as acts of nature,

the Permittee shall notify the Agency within 24 hours of becoming aware of such condition and shall provide the Agency with the following information, in writing, within five days:

- i. Cause of non-compliance;
- ii. A description of the non-complying discharge including its impact upon the receiving water;
- iii. Anticipated time the condition of non-compliance is expected to continue or, if such condition has been corrected, the duration of the period of non-compliance;
- iv. Steps taken by the Permittee to reduce and eliminate the non-complying discharge; and
- v. Steps to be taken by the Permittee to prevent recurrence of the condition of non-compliance.

### **3. Operation and Maintenance**

All waste collection, control, treatment, and disposal facilities shall be operated in a manner consistent with the following:

- a. The Permittee shall, at all times, maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible all treatment and control facilities and systems (and related appurtenances) installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This

provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by the Permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit;

- b. The Permittee shall provide an adequate operating staff which is duly qualified to carry out the operation, maintenance, and testing functions required to insure compliance with the conditions of this permit; and
- c. The operation and maintenance of this facility shall be performed only by qualified personnel.

#### **4. Quality Control**

The Permittee shall calibrate and perform maintenance procedures on all monitoring and analytical instrumentation at regular intervals to ensure accuracy of measurements, or shall ensure that both activities will be conducted.

The Permittee shall keep records of these activities and shall provide such records upon request of the Agency.

The Permittee shall analyze any additional samples as may be required by the Agency to ensure analytical quality control.

#### **5. Bypass**

The bypass of facilities (including pump stations) is prohibited, except where authorized under the terms and conditions of an Emergency Pollution Permit issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1268. It shall not be a defense for the Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

#### **6. Duty to Mitigate**

The Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any adverse impact to waters of the State resulting from non-compliance with any condition specified in this permit, including accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the non-complying discharge.

#### **7. Records Retention**

All records and information resulting from the monitoring activities required by this permit including all records of analyses performed, all calibration and maintenance of instrumentation records and all original chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit shall be retained for a minimum of three years, and shall be submitted to the Agency upon request. This period shall be extended during the course of unresolved litigation regarding the discharge of pollutants or when requested by the Agency.



## 8. Solids Management

Collected screenings, sludges, and other solids removed in the course of treatment and control of wastewaters shall be stored, treated and disposed of in accordance with 10 V.S.A. chapter 159 and with the terms and conditions of any certification, interim or final, transitional operation authorization or order issued pursuant to 10 V.S.A. chapter 159 that is in effect on the effective date of this permit or is issued during the term of this permit.

## 9. Emergency Pollution Permits

Maintenance activities, or emergencies resulting from equipment failure or malfunction, including power outages, which result in an effluent which exceeds the effluent limitations specified herein, shall be considered a violation of the conditions of this permit, unless the Permittee immediately applies for, and obtains, an emergency pollution permit under the provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 1268. The Permittee shall notify the Agency of the emergency situation by the next working day.

10 V.S.A. § 1268 reads as follows:

When a discharge permit holder finds that pollution abatement facilities require repairs, replacement or other corrective action in order for them to continue to meet standards specified in the permit, he may apply in the manner specified by the secretary for an emergency pollution permit for a term sufficient to effect repairs, replacements or other corrective action. The permit may be issued without prior public notice if the nature of the emergency will not provide sufficient time to give notice; provided that the secretary shall give public notice as soon as possible but in any event no later than five days after the effective date of the emergency pollution permit. No emergency pollution permit shall be issued unless the applicant certifies and the secretary finds that:

- (1) there is no present, reasonable alternative means of disposing of the waste other than by discharging it into the waters of the state during the limited period of time of the emergency;
- (2) the denial of an emergency pollution permit would work an extreme hardship upon the applicant;
- (3) the granting of an emergency pollution permit will result in some public benefit;
- (4) the discharge will not be unreasonably harmful to the quality of the receiving waters;
- (5) the cause or reason for the emergency is not due to willful or intended acts or omissions of the applicant.

Application shall be made to the Secretary at the following address: Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, One National Life Drive, Main Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Montpelier VT 05620-3522.

## 10. Power Failure

In order to maintain compliance with the effluent limitations and prohibitions of this permit, the Permittee shall either:

- a. Provide an alternative power source sufficient to operate the wastewater control facilities, or if such alternative power source is not in existence,
- b. Halt, reduce or otherwise control production and/or all discharges upon the reduction, loss, or failure of the primary source of power to the wastewater control facilities.

## B. RESPONSIBILITIES

### 1. Right of Entry

The Permittee shall allow the Agency or authorized representative, upon the presentation of proper credentials:

- a. To enter upon the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- b. To have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit;
- c. To inspect, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- d. To sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the federal Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

### 2. Transfer of Ownership or Control

This permit is not transferable without prior written approval of the Agency. All application and operating fees must be paid in full prior to transfer of this permit. In the event of any change in control or ownership of facilities from which the authorized discharges emanate, the Permittee shall provide a copy of this permit to the succeeding owner or controller and shall send written notification of the change in ownership or control to the Agency at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date. The notice to the Agency shall include a written agreement between the existing and new Permittees containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between them. The Permittee shall also inform the prospective owner or operator of their responsibility to make an application for transfer of this permit.

This request for transfer application must include as a minimum:

- a. A properly completed application form provided by the Agency and the applicable processing fee.
- b. A written statement from the prospective owner or operator certifying:
  - i. The conditions of the operation that contribute to, or affect, the discharge will not be materially different under the new ownership;
  - ii. The prospective owner or operator has read and is familiar with the terms of the permit and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of the permit; and
  - iii. The prospective owner or operator has adequate funding to operate and maintain the treatment system and remain in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit.
- c. The date of the sale or transfer.

The Agency may require additional information dependent upon the current status of the facility operation, maintenance, and permit compliance.

### **3. Confidentiality**

Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1259(b):

Any records, reports or information obtained under this permit program shall be available to the public for inspection and copying. However, upon a showing satisfactory to the secretary that any records, reports or information or part thereof, other than effluent data, would, if made public, divulge methods or processes entitled to protection as trade secrets, the secretary shall treat and protect those records, reports or information as confidential. Any records, reports or information accorded confidential treatment will be disclosed to authorized representatives of the state and the United States when relevant to any proceedings under this chapter.

Claims for confidentiality for the following information will be denied:

- a. The name and address of any permit applicant or Permittee.
- b. Permit applications, permits, and effluent data.
- c. Information required by application forms, including information submitted on the forms themselves and any attachments used to supply information required by the forms.

### **4. Permit Modification, Suspension, and Revocation**

After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part during its term for cause including the following:

- a. Violation of any terms or conditions of this permit;
- b. Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;  
or
- c. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.

The filing of a request by the Permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance shall not stay any permit condition.

The Permittee shall provide to the Agency, within a reasonable time, any information which the Agency may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Agency upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit

#### **5. Toxic Effluent Standards**

If a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in the Permittee's discharge and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation upon such pollutant in this permit, then this permit shall be modified or revoked and reissued in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition and the Permittee so notified.

#### **6. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability**

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of legal action or relieve the Permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the Permittee is or may be subject under 10 V.S.A. §1281.

#### **7. Civil and Criminal Liability**

Except as provided in, "Bypass" (Section II.A.5), "Emergency Pollution Permits" (Section II.A.9), and "Power Failure" (Section II.A.10), nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the Permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance. Civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance are provided for in 10 V.S.A. Chapters 47, 201 and 211.

#### **8. State Laws**

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the Permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant

to any applicable state law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Clean Water Act.

### **9. Property Rights**

Issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

### **10. Other Information**

If the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Agency, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

### **11. Severability**

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected thereby.

### **12. Authority**

This permit is issued under authority of 10 V.S.A. §§1258 and 1259 of the Vermont Water Pollution Control Act, the Vermont Water Pollution Control Permit Regulation, and Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.

## **III.**

### **A. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

This permit shall be modified, suspended or revoked to comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent standard or limitation so issued or approved:

1. Contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit, or
2. Controls any pollutant not limited in the permit.

The permit as modified under this paragraph shall also contain any other requirements of the Vermont Water Pollution Control Act then applicable.

### **B. DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this permit, the following definitions shall apply.

**Agency** – The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

**Annual Average** - The highest allowable average of daily discharges calculated as the sum of all daily discharges (mg/L, lbs or gallons) measured during a calendar year divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that year.

**Average** – The arithmetic means of values taken at the frequency required for each parameter over the specified period.

**Bypass** – The intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of the treatment facility

**The Clean Water Act** – The federal Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251, *et seq.*).

**Composite Sample** – A sample consisting of a minimum of one grab sample per hour collected during a 24-hour period (or lesser period as specified in the section on Monitoring and Reporting) and combined proportionally to flow over that same time period.

**Daily Discharge** – The discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling.

For pollutants with limitations expressed in pounds the daily discharge is calculated as the total pounds of pollutants discharged over the day.

For pollutants with limitations expressed in mg/L the daily discharge is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.

**Discharge** – Any wastes, directly or indirectly, that are placed, deposited or emitted into waters of the state.

**Grab Sample** – An individual sample collected in a period of less than 15 minutes.

**Incompatible Substance** – Any waste being discharged into the treatment works which interferes with, passes through without treatment, or is otherwise incompatible with said works or would have a substantial adverse effect on these works or on water quality. This includes all pollutants required to be regulated under the Clean Water Act.

**Instantaneous Maximum** – A value not to be exceeded in any grab sample.

**Major Contributing Industry** – One that: (1) has a flow of 50,000 gallons or more per average work day; (2) has a flow greater than five percent of the flow carried by the municipal system receiving the waste; (3) has in its wastes a toxic pollutant in toxic amounts as defined in standards issued under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act; or (4) has a significant impact, either singly or in combination with other contributing industries, on a publicly owned treatment works or on the quality of effluent from that treatment works.

**Maximum Day** (maximum daily discharge limitation) – The highest allowable "daily discharge" (mg/L, lbs or gallons).

**Mean** – The mean value is the arithmetic mean.

**Monthly Average** (average monthly discharge limitation) – The highest allowable average of daily discharges (mg/L, lbs or gallons) over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges (mg/L, lbs or gallons) measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.

**NPDES** – The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

**Secretary** – The Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources

**State Certifying Agency**

Agency of Natural Resources  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Watershed Management Division  
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**Waste** -- Effluent, sewage or any substance or material, liquid, gaseous, solid or radioactive, including heated liquids, whether or not harmful or deleterious to waters.

**Waste Management Zone** – A specific reach of Class B waters designated by a permit to accept the discharge of properly treated wastes that prior to treatment contained organisms pathogenic to human beings. Throughout the receiving waters, water quality criteria must be achieved but increased health risks exist due to the authorized discharge.

**Weekly Average** - (Average weekly discharge limitation) - The highest allowable average of daily discharges (mg/L, lbs or gallons) over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges (mg/L, lbs or gallons) measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.



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April 20, 2016

Cathy Fournier, Town Clerk  
Town of Swanton  
PO Box 711  
Swanton, VT 05488-0711

**Re: Public Notice of Draft Discharge Permit**

Dear Ms. Fournier:

Enclosed is a copy of a public notice regarding the public comment period for the issuance of a **draft discharge permit to Northeast Aggregate Corporation**. One of these notices is information for the local officials. Please post the other in a public place for disseminating this information to the local residents. We are also sending copies of this notice to other local officials and interested persons who have asked to be included on our mailing list. We will be glad to send you additional copies if you desire, or add names of interested persons to our mailing list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest F. Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Ernest F. Kelley, Program Manager  
Wastewater and Residuals Management Program  
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Enclosures: (1)



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NOTICE: DRAFT DISCHARGE PERMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: 3-1469

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 25 – May 26, 2016

**PERMITTEE INFORMATION**

PERMITTEE NAME: Northeast Aggregate Corporation

PERMITTEE ADDRESS: 1881 Sheldon Road, Apt. 1  
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

PERMIT NUMBER: 3-1469

PROJECT ID NUMBER: EJ00-0085

**DISCHARGE INFORMATION**

NATURE: Treated process wastewater from quarrying activities

VOLUME: As necessary

RECEIVING WATER: Unnamed tributary to Hungerford Brook

EXPIRATION DATE: March 31, 2021

DESCRIPTION: This is a draft discharge permit proposed for issuance to Northeast Aggregate Corporation for the discharge from a rock quarry located on Pond Road, Swanton, Vermont to an unnamed stream. This is a permit renewal.

**TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS**

Tentative determinations regarding effluent limitations and other conditions to be imposed on the pending Vermont permit have been made by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR). The limitations imposed will assure that the Vermont Water Quality Standards and applicable provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, PL 92-500, as amended, will be met.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

The complete application, proposed permit, and other information are on file and may be inspected by appointment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Building at 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont. Copies, obtained by calling 802-828-1535 from 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, will be made at a cost based upon the current Secretary of State Official Fee Schedule for Copying Public Records. The draft permit and fact sheet may also be viewed on the Division's website at <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/>

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Written public comments on the proposed permit are invited and must be received on or before the close of business day (4:30 pm) **April 13, 2016** to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, 1 National Life Drive – Main 2, Vermont 05620-3522. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail using the e-mail comment provisions included at <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/>. All comments received by the above date will be considered in formulation of the final determinations.

During the notice period, any person may submit a written request to this office for a public hearing to consider the proposed permit. The request must state the interest of the party filing such request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. A hearing will be held if there is a significant public interest (including the filing of requests or petitions for such hearing) in holding such a hearing.

**FINAL ACTION/RIGHTS TO APPEAL TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURT**

At the conclusion of the public notice period and after consideration of additional information received during the public notice period, the VANR will make a final determination to issue or to deny the permit. Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220, any appeal of this decision must be filed with the clerk of the Environmental Court within 30 days of the date of the decision. The appellant must submit the Notice of Appeal and include the applicable filing fee, payable to the state of Vermont.

The Notice of Appeal must specify the parties taking the appeal and the statutory provision under which each party claims party status; must designate the act or decision appealed from; must name the Environmental Court; and must be signed by the appellant or their attorney. In addition, the appeal must give the address or location and the description of the property, project or facility with which the appeal is concerned and the name of the applicant or any permit involved in the appeal.

The appellant must also serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal in accordance with Rule 5(b)(4)(B) of the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings.

The address for the Vermont Environmental Court is: Vermont Superior Court, Environmental Division, 32 Cherry Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 303, Burlington VT 05401 (Tel. (802) 951-1740). For further information, see the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings, available online at [www.vermontjudiciary.org](http://www.vermontjudiciary.org).

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