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Dear GMWEA Member,

Please read this Legislative Alert for updates on issues concerning our profession. Alternatively, you may read this at <http://www.gmwea.org/Whatsnew.html>

The Senate Natural Resources Committee heard from the Agency of Natural Resources, Mary Watzin at UVM and Mike Rapaz from CLF this week about whether any action should be taken to repeal Section 5 of Act 43 from last year. Next week they will hear from other folks who want to testify, including VLCT.

Section 5 of Act 43 says,

§ 1385. LAKE CHAMPLAIN TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

(a)(1) The secretary of natural resources shall reopen the total maximum daily load (TMDL) plan for Lake Champlain as it pertains to the waters of Vermont in order to:

... (C) Ensure that the total annual phosphorus discharged by all wastewater treatment facilities in the aggregate does not exceed the total phosphorus load discharged to Lake Champlain by all wastewater treatment facilities in the aggregate in 2006 and to adjust aggregate total phosphorus load allocations to Lake Champlain accordingly; ...

While the House passed a bill (attached) that we believe is very workable for municipalities and point source discharges, we are very concerned that the Senate Natural Resources Committee will begin the conversation about whether or not Section 5 should be repealed all over again.

It would be very helpful if a few mayors or public works directors or managers ask to testify next week before the committee. The committee staff contact is JP Isabelle, [jisabelle@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:jisabelle@leg.state.vt.us). Committee members are Senators Ginny Lyons, Chair; Diane Snelling; Richard McCormack; Robert Hartwell; and MacDonald. Please let me know if you expect to testify on this bill. Letters to the committee in support of H. 873 would also be very helpful.

Thank you so much!!

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