



PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT Water Quality Certification # 2022-485A12IV-001 for the Owl's Nest Resort Water Withdrawal from the Pemigewasset River is AVAILABLE for PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder: In accordance with NH RSA 485-A:12, IV, LCJ Management, LLC doing business as Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club has filed an application for a water quality certification (certification) for the activity described below. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has reviewed the application and has prepared a draft certification which is available for public comment on the NHDES website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/public-comment-opportunities?category=Water>

The draft certification states that based on the facts, laws, findings, and conditions in the certification, NHDES has determined that there is reasonable assurance that construction and operation of the proposed activity will be conducted in a manner which will not violate New Hampshire surface water quality standards specified under NH RSA 485-A:8 and NH Code Admin. Rule Env-Wq 1700. Therefore, NHDES proposes to issue the certification subject to certain conditions.

Activity Description: The activity involves withdrawal of water from the Pemigewasset River in Thornton, New Hampshire to refill, and circulate water in, a lined, 38 million-gallon, manmade storage pond (Storage Pond). Water in the Storage Pond would be used to irrigate landscaping, lawn, and a 9-hole golf course located at Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club located in Thornton and Campton, New Hampshire, as well as for other purposes, such as fire suppression and aquatic recreation, including swimming and boating. The activity would withdraw up to 500 gallons per minute, which is equivalent to approximately 1.1 cubic feet per second (cfs), of water from April 1 to October 30. The withdrawal would not exceed the following: 1.1 cfs when upstream river flow is greater than or equal to 120 cfs as measured by a USGS Gage No. 01075000 for the Pemigewasset River at Woodstock, New Hampshire; 1 percent of upstream river flow when upstream river flow is less than 120 cfs and greater than or equal to 60 cfs; and a maximum daily withdrawal of 482,400 gallons (i.e., an average of 0.75 cfs over a 24-hour period). The Activity would not withdraw any water when upstream river flow is less than 60 cfs, or prior to, during, or immediately after a 2-year or greater rain event.

Instructions for Submitting Comments: Comments will be accepted until **4 pm, July 13, 2022**. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent by postal mail, or email (**email is preferred**). Please include the activity name/certification number, your name, organization, mailing address, email address and telephone number with your submittal.

By Mail: 401 Certification Program (Attention: James Tilley)
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By email: Send to wqc@des.nh.gov

If you have questions about the draft certification or have difficulties accessing a copy, please contact James Tilley, Supervisor of the NHDES Water Quality Certification program at [\(603\) 271-0699](tel:6032710699) or by email at james.tilley@des.nh.gov.