

DRAFT SAMPLE

Ms. Gina McCarthy, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Commissioner McCarthy:

As a resident of Connecticut for over 35 years, I now feel threatened by activities which seem to have been permitted by the very organization designed and responsible for protecting my community from environmental dangers.

I am referring to the proposed pipeline to be installed along US Route One from the Unilever plant in Clinton to the Hammonasset River, the boundary between Madison and Clinton. The proposed pipeline is intended to transport treated industrial and septic wastewater from the plant directly into the river waters.

The river initiates in Durham and flows through the New Haven Water Company's reservoir on Route 80 in North Madison and continues through residential and forested land directly into Long Island Sound. It has no polluting interference's of any kind and is virtually pristine. There are lovely walking paths along its banks and trout fishing is a popular pastime. I believe it is (or should be) classified as a Class "A" river.

Therefore, I would like to know how in heaven's name the DEP can even consider allowing any corporation, group or person to add any potential sources of contamination – treated or otherwise – to this watercourse. It is especially troubling to know that at the end of its relatively short run, the river forms the eastern boundary of Hammonasset State Park, the recreational gem enjoyed by over 1,300,000 visitors per year, and the specific responsibility of the DEP.

We, the citizens, residents and voters of Connecticut expect our Department of Environmental Protection to live up to their responsibilities by denying this pipe and all other potentially polluting requests throughout the state. Connecticut is still magnificent after all these years – please do your part to keep it that way.

Thank you for your consideration of my request,

Jane or John Doe