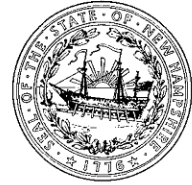




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RE: Receipt of Petition for Appeal, Docket No. 02-15 WtC

Dear Mr. Irwin:

Your petition for appeal of *Wetlands Bureau File No. 2000-131(NHDOT, Troy Bypass)* was received in my office on December 19, 2002 and has been assigned **Docket No. 02-15 WtC**; please refer to this docket number in all future correspondences relative to this matter. I have forwarded your appeal to the NH Wetlands Council, which I expect will decide to accept or deny the appeal at its next regular meeting, scheduled for January 14, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 112 of the offices of the Department of Environmental Services ("DES"), 6 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 271-6072 or by e-mail at appeals@des.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,

Michael Sclafani, Appeals Clerk

cc: Brian K. Fowler, Chairman, NH Wetlands Council
Harry T. Stewart, Director, Water Division
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