

# Green Mountain Water Environment Association, Inc.

Dear GMWEA member,

We are writing to ALERT you to a couple of items being considered in the Vermont Legislature that will have a direct impact on the daily operation of Vermont's Water and Wastewater Facilities.

1. The Senate Health & Welfare Committee chaired by Doug Racine held a hearing on January 15, 2008 to hear updates from an anti-chloramines group and the Vermont Department of Health on the use of chloramines as a disinfectant. The possible intent for a bill could outlaw, place a moratorium on, or require mitigation on the use of chloramines as a disinfectant in Vermont.
2. A bill has been introduced that would repeal section 5 of act 43. This section of the law requires the Agency of Natural Resources to reopen the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan for Lake Champlain and "adjust" WWTF phosphorus limits to a level that would "ensure that the total annual phosphorus discharged by all WWTFs in the aggregate does not exceed the total phosphorus load discharge to Lake Champlain by all WWTFs in the aggregate in 2006". The passage of H.732 would repeal that requirement and could potentially place large financial burdens on municipalities.

As the professionals, it's imperative that we be part of the discussion, therefore we urge you to contact your legislators to offer your input. You should share this alert with your local officials and have them do the same.

For complete contact information for your local representatives and senators, please visit [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us). Alternatively, you may contact the Legislative Sergeant At Arms at 1-800-322-5616. You will not reach the Legislators directly with this number, but you will be able to leave a message about your concerns.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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