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## Sanborn, Watters urge federal agencies to relinquish burdensome regulation

Concord, NH - Today, Senator Andy Sanborn (R-Bedford) and Senator David Watters (D-Dover) issued the following statements on SB 121 relative to the MS 4 list of the department of environmental services.

"As part of the Federal Clean Water Act New Hampshire communities are required to manage the quality of rainwater runoff and since 2008, 41 communities, including Great Bay, have been doing an amazing job to meet these standards. Despite marked improvements in rainwater runoff quality seen in test results from 2014 and 2016, both the state Department of Environmental Services and EPA continue to ignore them, asking taxpayers instead to spend \$600-700 million for improvements based on outdated results," said Senator Andy Sanborn (R-Bedford). "A permit issued on January 19 of this year would also mandate a prohibition of any economic development for any real estate development in these communities unless they have prior approval from the EPA and NH Department of Environmental Services in 2018."

"I am disappointed that the federal government and the State of New Hampshire have prevented these communities' positive test results from being considered in compliance with this permit. This new federal government mandate is one of the largest overreaches and unfunded federal mandates in our history and I am working hard to make sure these test results are updated so we can prevent a truly cloudy day for New Hampshire taxpayers," Sanborn added.

"I have long been committed to protecting our environment and all of the benefits it provides our citizens, and I strongly believe we should be working to ensure rainwater runoff meets the highest standards," said Senator David Watters (D-Dover). "However, preventing new information that shows improved water quality from being utilized hurts New Hampshire taxpayers and communities. I support this legislation and look forward to working with my legislative colleagues to support our environment and our citizens."

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