HWHPCA’s First Legislative Breakfast 2007 Details

On March 7, 2007, The NHWPCA co-sponsored (with NEWEA) its first Legislative Breakfast and 30 elected representatives and senators came out for an excellent morning with good presentations from Sarah Goyette, George Neill, Jim Taylor (Merrimack), Rick Seymour (Nashua), Ray Vermette (Dover) and a local farmer that uses biosolids, Rob Morrill.

The following day on March 8th several NHWPCA members testified before the House Environment & Agriculture Committee. Sarah Goyette did an excellent job speaking on behalf of the NHWPCA, and Nashua, Concord, Merrimack, NEBRA and RMI all testified on the 5 different bills currently in the House. The testimony throughout the day was well received.

On Friday the 9th, more than 20 WWTFs throughout NH offered tours for legislators. A handful of these elected officials did make it out to some of the WWTFs and got excellent tours, including at Nashua, Dover and the Winnipesaukee River Basin Program WWTF. All of the WWTFs that agreed to host these tours are commended for their efforts, and we are excited about the outreach efforts to date.

On March 15th members of the NHWPCA met again with E&A representatives to work further on the proposed legislation, and on March 16th we testified in front of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) in support of the proposed changes to the Sludge/Biosolids Rules.