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Environmental Impact of Underwater Cable

Message

After participating in a number of public meetings to learn about the construction process, I have concerns with the disruption of sediments in Lake Champlain. Lake Champlain is in violation of the daily phosphorous load, so EPA and the State of Vermont are currently discussing how to reduce that load. While the Jet Plow and Shear Plow trenching techniques do not add new phosphorous, they do stir up the solid sediments that contain phosphorous, mercury, and other contaminants and potentially cause them to dissolve and becoming active pollutants. The act of laying the cables on the bottom (below 150 feet) could also stir up sediments. The early studies presented by TDI show that the Jet Plow is the most aggressive at disrupting the sediments. The best solution is no disruption, second choice is to minimize it to the level that no contaminants can change into solution. Respectfully submitted,
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