Emailed testimony from Ben Copans, April 29, 2025

I am following up to respond to a question that was asked during my testimony on H. 113 that I provided on 4/24/25.

I was asked if biosolids have been spread on fields in the Lake Memphremagog watershed. I reached out to Eamon Twohig who works in the Waste Management & Prevention Division on Residuals & Emerging Contaminants. He responded that:

There are no active land application sites in the Lake Memphremagog area. The City of Newport previously held a permit and land applied municipal biosolids on a site that was located between the airport and landfill. We have records of land application from 2000 through 2011. We did not do any PFAS testing associated with the former land application site as it became part of the landfill property after that facility expanded.

Thank you!

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