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Seabrook Station Makes Contribution to New Hampshire Estuaries Project

SEABROOK - FPL Energy Seabrook Station donated \$12,000 to the New Hampshire Estuaries Project (NHEP) to support the NHEP's activities in 2008 that protect, enhance, and monitor the environmental quality of the state's estuaries. This is the ninth year that Seabrook Station, located adjacent to the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary, has contributed to the Project.

The NHEP supports environmental stewardship and community land use planning activities in the state's coastal watershed, which encompasses 42 New Hampshire communities in Strafford and Rockingham counties.

NHEP Director Jennifer Hunter says that now more than ever the power company's contribution is needed. "We are currently experiencing a decrease in federal funding, so Seabrook Station's donation becomes even more important as we implement our long-term Management Plan for the state's estuaries." Previous donations from Seabrook Station have contributed to on-the-ground projects to enhance shellfish populations in Hampton-Seabrook Harbor and improve opportunities for shellfish harvesting. Hunter adds, "The NHEP also considers Seabrook Station a good partner in monitoring the local environmental conditions. For years they have freely shared data they collect with us to complete our environmental indicator reports and our State of the Estuaries Report that is published every three years."

The New Hampshire Estuaries Project is a program based at the University of New Hampshire. The collaborative program is primarily funded by a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency and involves governmental agencies, university researchers, non-profit organizations, businesses, and the public. The NHEP Management Plan, project reports, and other resources are available at www.nhep.unh.edu.



Al Legendre, Principal Engineer at Seabrook Station, presents a check for \$12,000 to New Hampshire Estuaries Project Director Jennifer Hunter.