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## NH News Notes

### Medical Group Argues Cost Of Unaffiliated Surgery Facility

**GILFORD (AP)** — A group of orthopedists is asking the state to remove the latest obstacle to the construction of an ambulatory surgery center.

The proposed 21,000-square-foot complex, which officials hope to have completed by next year, would include the region's first one-day surgery facility not associated with a hospital.

The state Health Services Planning and Review Board had agreed to allow the Orthopedic Professional Association to proceed without a review of whether there is a need for the facility.

The board rescinded the waiver late last month, however, after receiving complaints from Lakes Region General Hospital, a potential competitor.

State law exempts ambulatory surgical centers from the certificate of need review process if construction costs are lower than \$1.071 million and equipment costs are lower than \$400,000.

State officials say the center would cost between \$1.3 and \$1.4 million.

The orthopedic association argues the project is well below those guidelines. In a motion asking the board to reconsider its ruling, the association describes the cost as \$961,000.

### Plymouth's Rules on Sludge Will Chase Away Some Haulers

**MEREDITH (AP)** — A wastewater treatment plant's plan to stop doing business with towns that have strict sludge spreading rules has some commercial septic haulers worried.

The Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Facility says septic haulers will no longer be able to dump at their facility if their towns impose restrictions that are stricter than state or federal sludge regulations.

The owner of one business told Meredith Town Manager Peter Russell he would be forced out of business if he couldn't dump in Plymouth.

The only alternative for Meredith haulers, Russell said, is to make the lengthy trip to the Winnepesaukee River Basin dump site in Franklin. If septic pumping companies must make longer trips to dispose of the waste, the increased costs will be passed on to consumers, Russell said.

Meredith selectmen have signed an agreement with the wastewater plant that expires June 30. Should the town adopt stricter sludge standards at town meeting next spring, the town would have to notify the plant.

### Navy Unveils Technology That Identifies Buried Waste

**KITTERY, Maine** — A new high-tech device demonstrated yesterday will help the Navy identify hazardous waste at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

The Multi Sensor Towed Array Detection System will allow technicians to have a look at the bottom of the Jamaica Island Landfill, a 25-acre site which served as a burial ground for assorted hazardous waste products for about 30 years, starting in 1945.

Navy officials hope to better locate the hazardous substances in order to plan a cleanup effort.

Hazardous waste known to have been dumped on the site include asbestos products and sludge as well as lead, organic compounds, chlorine, acetylene and paint-based solvents.

Following yesterday's demonstration of the detection system for members of the Navy as well as residents and other organizations, the Navy will spend several days scanning the dump site.

The Navy is expected to issue a report on its findings in the near future.