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Witness: William H. Smagula

Request:

Please explain the purpose of the truck wash facility.

Response:

Merrimack Station receives coal by both train and truck. Eastern bituminous coal is delivered by train from Northern Appalachia. South American coal is delivered by ship to Schiller Station in Portsmouth and then trucked to Merrimack Station. As a cost savings measure, trucks bringing coal to Merrimack Station can haul synthetic gypsum back to the seacoast rather than return empty. The contract for the sale of synthetic gypsum is with Georgia Pacific in Newington, very close to Schiller Station.

However, to maintain the proper quality and color of the light gold colored synthetic gypsum, it should not be commingled with the black coal dust and small clumps of coal remaining in the rear bed of the truck. In order to meet critical aspects of the gypsum delivery criteria, a truck wash was needed. If cleanliness was not maintained, the synthetic gypsum could not be sold and would have to be disposed of at considerable expense.