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Using the river for the lower reservoir is old technology and an old idea.

A feasibility study on making Northfield Mountain a closed-loop facility is reasonable and appropriate. It is not good for the health of the river to keep fluctuating the river levels the way this pump facility does. It also serves to further endanger species of fish, eels and lampreys that live in the river and get sucked into the intake.

As the first Blue Way and a river still in the process of being cleaned up, The Connecticut River deserves that we make sure that relicensing uses current technology and improves the health of the river for all native species of plant, animal and human to use.

Turner's Falls Dam

We also need to provide for fish passage over and back on the dam at Turner's Falls and for more water flow through the river than is currently the norm. Putting most of the water in the river through the canal is not good for the health of the river and the creatures that depend upon it. Only 10% of the shad that pass through the fish lift at Holyoke make it past the dam at Turner's Falls. This should be corrected.

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