

Ipswich Water Department

Early Notice in Environmental Monitor of Request For Site Exam

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The Ipswich Water Department is applying to MADEP for a Request for Site Exam for siting a new public water-supply source to withdraw up to 0.58 mgd on average over the calendar year, with a maximum day capacity of approximately 0.86 mgd, from a coastal river basin in Ipswich. (For purposes of Water Management Act permitting, the well site is included in the Parker River basin.) The source is intended primarily to increase the Water Department's overall water-supply capacity and provide drought resiliency for the Town. The Town's existing groundwater supplies have lost capacity due to age and/or water quality, or are limited by permit; the reservoirs are sensitive to drought. The new supply is also intended to provide the Town with operational flexibility and redundancy. Under this project, the Town will not request an increase in its authorized withdrawal under the Water Management Act. The proposed source is on Town-owned land about 200 feet south of Bull Brook and 400 feet north of Linebrook Road in Ipswich.

Written comments on the granting of a DEP permit to conduct additional testing for a new water supply withdrawal are to be filed within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the Environmental Monitor. The written comments are to be submitted to the Drinking Water Program Section Chief at the DEP Northeast Regional Office at 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, 01887.