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City of Attleboro, Massachusetts

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Early Notice

The City of Attleboro, Massachusetts has applied to MassDEP for a Request for Site Exam to change the designation of the existing Manchester Pond Reservoir located within the City boundary to a terminal drinking water source. The surface water supply is within the Ten Mile River basin and has functioned as a pumped storage reservoir from the Seven Mile River since 1960. Releases from the reservoir have historically flowed through the Seven Mile River to Orrs Pond prior to entering the West Street Water Treatment Facility. The location of the withdrawal point is the existing intake/ outtake structure positioned on the Manchester Pond Dam. The Attleboro Water Department recently constructed 48-inch diameter input/outtake pipe to flow directly to the West Street Water Treatment Facility. The new aqueduct changes the designation of Manchester Pond to a terminal water supply requiring New Source Approval from MassDEP. The newly constructed Aqueduct provides increased reliability against the threat of contamination and seasonally improved water quality.

Written comments on the granting of a MassDEP permit to conduct testing and evaluation of the site consistent with applicable regulations can be filed within 30 days of publication of this notice in the Environmental Monitor. Written Comments are to be submitted to the Drinking Water Program Section Chief, MassDEP, South East Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.