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**Water Management Act Permit Application
For the Buzzards Bay Watershed
Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office**

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on a Water Management Act (WMA) application filed for permitting in the Buzzards Bay Watershed. The permit application requests authorization for water withdrawals through May 31, 2011, under the Water Management Act, M.G.L. c. 21G. Comments must be submitted by close of business on Friday, **May 29, 2009**, to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, Massachusetts, 02347, Attention: Jim McLaughlin, or via e-mail to james.m.mclaughlin@state.ma.us. A copy of the application is available for review at the Department's Southeast Regional Office, Lakeville; please contact the Service Center at (508) 946-2718 to schedule an appointment.

Oiva Hannula & Sons has applied for a WMA permit to withdraw water for cranberry bog irrigation. The applicant has requested an increase of their existing permit for 0.33 million gallons per day (MGD) on an average daily basis to irrigate approximately 36.5 acres of additional cranberry bog. Approximately 9.5 acres are existing and 27 acres are proposed. The bogs are within areas of existing cranberry farms. The applicant requests a permit for an additional 5 existing acres and 19 proposed acres of bog at the Bailey and Washburn bogs, located in the vicinity of the intersection of Rochester Road and Route 58 (South Main Street) in Carver. The main water source for these bogs is an existing withdrawal from Sampson Pond. Additionally, three tailwater reservoirs will be constructed to service the existing and proposed bogs.

Included in the permit application are 4.5 existing acres and 8 proposed acres of bogs at the Goddard Bogs, located off Carver Road in Middleboro. The applicant proposes to construct two man-made irrigation ponds to service the additional acreage.

The sites are not within areas listed as Priority Habitat of Rare Species or Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife by the October 1, 2008 Edition of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas (pages 146 & 153).