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**Water Management Act
Permit Application Received by the
Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
For the Taunton River Basin**

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the Water Management Act (WMA) application filed for permitting in the Taunton River Basin. The permit requested would authorize water withdrawals through February 28, 2010 under the Water Management Act, M.G.L. c.21G. Comments must be submitted by close of business on Monday, **September 26, 2005** to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, Massachusetts 02346, Attention: Leslie O'Shea, or via e-mail to leslie.o'shea@state.ma.us.

An application for a WMA permit has been filed by the Raynham Center Water District ("the District"), 280 Pleasant Street, Raynham 02767. The District is requesting an increase in its authorized volume and to add a new source. Currently the District is authorized by WMA Registration # 4-25-245.02 and Permit # 9P-4-25-245.01 to withdraw a volume of 0.80 million gallons per day (MGD) on an average daily basis, for a total annual withdrawal of 292.00 million gallons over 365 days. The District is authorized withdraw water from nine (9) groundwater sources in the Taunton River Basin.

The permit application requests an increase to 1.12 MGD on an average daily basis, for a total annual withdrawal of 408.80 MGY. This increased volume is based on the water needs forecast approved by the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission on July 14, 2005. The application also requests the addition of the Fountain Well as a groundwater source. The Fountain Well was reviewed under MEPA and received a Certificate of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on October 25, 2004.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Department's Southeast Regional Office in Lakeville; please contact the Service Center at (508) 946-2700 to schedule an appointment. A copy of the application is also available for review at the Raynham Center Water District Office, 280 Pleasant Street, Raynham from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on Fridays.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD Service - 1-800-298-2207.

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