

MassDEP has prepared a new Guide to Water Resource Management Planning. The Guide provides information on how to fulfill the planning requirements of the State Revolving Fund (SRF). For simple projects aimed at addressing well-documented problems, the SRF requires the preparation of an Engineering or Project Evaluation Report that focuses on how a specific project should be built. For more complicated projects or to address town-wide problems within one water resource management sector, the SRF requires a Comprehensive Plan. In addition to the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and even though they are not required by the SRF, the Guide has information on how to prepare a Comprehensive Drinking Water Plan and a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan.

The proposed revisions to the SRF Regulations, 310 CMR 44.00, provide applicants with a new planning option the Integrated Wastewater Management Plan (IWRMP). An IWRMP gives applicants an opportunity to examine all their water resource management needs in one planning document. The Guide provides information on this new planning option.

MassDEP has placed a Draft of the Guide to Water Resource Management Planning on its web site at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/iwrmp.pdf>. MassDEP asks municipal officials, environmental consultants and the interested public to provide written comments on this Draft by April 7, 2007. Comments should be addressed to:

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