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

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the 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 30, 2008**, 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.

Anthony Polillio III has applied for a WMA permit to withdraw water for cranberry bog irrigation. The applicant has requested a permit for 0.143 million gallons per day (MGD) on an average daily basis to irrigate approximately sixteen (16) acres of cranberry bog. Approximately thirteen (13) acres are existing and three (3) acres are proposed. The permit application is for a surface water withdrawal off Beach Street in Middleboro, at Latitude 41° 49' 16" and Longitude 70° 46' 06". The water sources are streams that flow through the bogs along with on-site water holes, including a water hole fed by the Weweantic River. This site was previously registered under the WMA; however, the registration lapsed due to ownership changes. The bog has been in production since the 1930's, and is known locally as the "Perry Bog." Mr. Polillio is proposing renovations to increase the water efficiency of the existing bogs, along with three (3) acres of potential future bogs.

The site is not within an area listed as a Priority Habitat of Rare Species or an Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife by the October 1, 2006 Edition of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas (page 153).

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD# 866-539-7622 or 617-574-6868.

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