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**Water Management Permit Application
Received by the
Water Management Program
for the Merrimack River Basin**

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the Water Management permit application filed for permitting in the Merrimack River Basin under the Water Management Act (MGL 21G). Comments will be accepted until August 8, 2005. A copy of the application is available for review from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, at the DEP Northeast Regional Office, 5th Floor, One Winter Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Please contact Kellie O'Keefe at (617) 654-6522 to review the application.

Town of Merrimac, Merrimac Light and Water Department, Merrimac, Massachusetts, has applied for a Water Management Act Permit to increase its 0.36 million gallons per day registered withdrawal to up to 0.74 million gallons per day from groundwater in the Merrimack River Basin, Merrimac, Massachusetts. Two existing wellfields will provide water for public water supply purposes to the customers of the Merrimac Light and Water Department. The East Main Street Wellfield is located to the south of Lake Attitash and the Sargent Pit Wellfield is located off Bear Hill Road to the south of the Massachusetts/New Hampshire state border. The Town of Merrimac requests approval to withdraw a total amount of 255.50 million gallons per year through the year 2014.

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas, 11th edition, lists **Priority Habitats of Rare Species and Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Certified Vernal Pools** in the vicinity of the East Main Street Wellfield.

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

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