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**Water Management Act Permit Application
 for the Deerfield River Watershed
 Received by the
 Department of Environmental Protection, Western Region Office
 Drinking Water Program
 436 Dwight Street
 Springfield, MA 01103**

The Department of Environmental Protection, Western Regional Office, Drinking Water Program will accept written comments on the Water Management Act permit application recently filed for permitting water withdrawals in the Deerfield River Watershed under the Water Management Act (MGL c.21G). Comments will be accepted until October 7, 2005. A copy of the application is available for review from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, every Wednesday at DEP's Western Region Office, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA (413) 784 -1100.

Union Terminal Piers, Inc. – dba Berkshire East Ski Area, Charlemont, MA has applied for a Water Management Act permit for its historic withdrawal of water for snowmaking from the Deerfield River watershed. The application requests a total of **0.467 MGD** on average over the operating season. The WMA permit, if approved, would be valid through February 28, 2012.

<u>Withdrawal Point Locations:</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
Snowmaking Pond	N 42° 37' 14"	W 72° 52' 37"
Bozrah Brook	N 42° 37' 15"	W 72° 52' 48"

Union Terminal Piers, Inc. – dba Berkshire East Ski Area has submitted the permit application after the fact because the historic withdrawal for snowmaking exceeded the Water Management Act thresholds.

The Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas indicates that there are no areas designated as *Priority Habitats of Rare Species* or *Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Vernal Pools* in the vicinity of the withdrawal points for **Union Terminal Piers, Inc. – dba Berkshire East Ski Area**.