

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Massachusetts Water Resources Commission

Receipt of a Request for Determination of Insignificance Under the Interbasin Transfer Act MGL Chapter 21 Sections 8b-8d

On August 30, 2005, the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission (WRC) received a request for determination of insignificance under the Interbasin Transfer Act (M.G.L. Chapter 21 §§ 8B-8D) from the Turners Falls Fire District for development of a well near Lake Pleasant in Montague, in the Connecticut River basin. A portion of the water from this well will serve the village of Millers Falls, located in the Millers River basin. This portion of Montague discharges its wastewater to the Millers River Basin via the wastewater treatment plant located in the town of Erving.

The WRC will be requesting additional information from the proponent in order to fully evaluate this proposal against the criteria for insignificance. Once this information has been received, the WRC will have 90 days to make a decision on the request. The dates of discussions on this proposal will be published in the Environmental Monitor within 31 days of the receipt of this additional information.

As required by the Interbasin Transfer Act regulations (313 CMR 4.00), copies of this notice have been sent to the municipalities directly affected. For further information, contact Michele Drury, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Water Resources, (617) 626-1366.