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Water Management Act Permit Application
Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
For the Taunton River Watershed

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the Water Management Act application filed for permitting in the Taunton River Watershed. The permit requested will authorize water withdrawals through February 28, 2010, under the Water Management Act (WMA) (M.G.L. c. 21G). Comments must be submitted by close of business on Thursday, **November 10, 2005** 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. The application is also on file for review at the Middleborough Board of Selectmen's office at 10 Nickerson Avenue.

John Melville of Middleboro has applied for a WMA permit to withdraw water for cranberry bog irrigation. The applicant has requested a permit for 0.22 million gallons per day (MGD) on an average daily basis to irrigate approximately twenty-four and one-half (24.5) acres of existing, unregistered bog. The permit application is for existing and proposed surface water withdrawals off Plympton Street in Middleboro at Latitude 41° 55' 24" and Longitude 70° 49' 52". The water sources are Whetstone Brook and on-site reservoirs.

The Plympton Street bog is not within an area listed as a Priority Habitat of Rare Species, or an Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife by the July 1, 2003 Edition of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas (Plympton Quad).

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

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