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**Water Management Act Permit Application
for the
Westfield 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 a water withdrawal from the Westfield River Watershed under the Water Management Act (MGL c.21G). Comments will be accepted until October 30, 2006. A copy of the application is available for review from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, every Wednesday at DEP's Drinking Water Program, Western Region Office, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA (413) 784-1100.

Russell Biomass, LLC has applied for a Water Management Act permit for an industrial water supply withdrawal from the Westfield River watershed. The permit application states that **Russell Biomass, LLC** requests an authorized average annual withdrawal of 662,000 gallons per day and a maximum of 885,000 gallons per day for the permit duration. The primary uses of the withdrawal include cooling water, boiler make-up water, and miscellaneous plant non-potable water use.

The registered withdrawal point will be a surface water diversion from the Westfield River. The Massachusetts Natural Heritage data layer indicates there exist *Priority Habitats of Rare Species* and *Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Vernal Pools* immediately downstream of the withdrawal point.

Russell Biomass, LLC does not have a water management act registration. The permit, if granted, would expire on November 30, 2012.