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**Water Management Act Permit Application Received by
the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office,
For the South Coastal Basin**

Plymouth Rock Studios has filed an application for a Water Management Act (WMA) Permit to withdraw water from the South Coastal Basin to supply the proposed movie studio complex at Long Pond Road, Plymouth. Comment on the permit application must be submitted by close of business on Tuesday, **January 6, 2009**, to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, Massachusetts 02347, Attention: Leslie O'Shea, or via e-mail to leslie.o'shea@state.ma.us.

The application requests to withdraw a daily average volume of 0.171 million gallons per day (MGD), for a total annual withdrawal of 62.45 million gallons per year (MGY), through 2019. In 2020, the requested withdrawal would increase to an average daily volume of 0.174 MGD, for a total annual withdrawal of 63.5 MGY. Withdrawal would be made from one groundwater well to be located in the Eel River Subwatershed of the South Coastal Basin. It is proposed to develop a new public water supply (PWS) to support the movie studio; the proposed new PWS will be subject to permitting in accordance with the New Source Approval process of the Department's Drinking Water Program.

Plymouth Rock Studios is filing the WMA Permit application simultaneously with an Expanded Environmental Notification Form, filed under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). In accordance with MEPA regulations [301 CMR 11.12(4)(a)], a Certificate of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs is required for the project before the Department can take any action on the WMA Permit application.

A pumping test for the proposed groundwater source is to be conducted in December 2008. The results of this pumping test and analysis will be made available in the Environmental Impact Report filed under MEPA, and will be made available upon request to the Department. The Department will review all comments on the pumping test, as well as other comments made during the MEPA review process, prior to taking action on the permit application. Additional opportunity for public comment will be available if and when the Department issues a draft WMA Permit for Plymouth Rock Studios.

A copy of the application is available for review at the Department's Southeast Regional Office in Lakeville; please contact the Service Center at (508) 946-2718 to schedule an appointment. A copy of the application is also available for review at the Plymouth Rocks Studios, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 305, Plymouth, MA.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD# 866-539-7622 or 617-574-6868.

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