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**Water Management Act Permit Amendment Application Received by the
Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office,
For the Taunton River Basin**

The Department of Environmental Protection has received a BRP WM02 application to amend Water Management Act (WMA) Permit 9P4-4-25-076.01 issued to Aquaria LLC on May 31, 2005 for withdrawal in the Taunton River Basin. Comment on the amendment application must be submitted by close of business on Friday, **December 28, 2006** 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.

Aquaria LLC has filed the amendment application to modify Special Condition 4 of the existing WMA Permit. Specifically, Aquaria has requested authorization to install and operate an alternative water intake system, the Filtrex Filtration System, in place of the already permitted and licensed Gunderboom[®], Johnson Screens[®] and wedgewire screen system. This project change (EOEA #10185 – Taunton River Desalination Project) was noticed in the December 23, 2006 *Environmental Monitor*. The January 22, 2007 Certificate of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs determined that further MEPA was not required. The Certificate states:

“In the amendment to the WMA permit the proponent must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the environmental review agencies that the proposed Filtrex Filtration System will provide equal or better protection of fisheries as the already approved Gunderboom[®]/JohnsonScreens[®]/wedgewire screens system.”

The January 22, 2007 Certificate can be viewed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/envir/mepa/pdf/certificates/012207/10185npc.pdf>

Special Condition 4 of WMA Permit 9P4-4-25-076.01 outlines the operation requirements, performance standards and monitoring requirements for the desalination plant. This permit can be viewed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/resources/dighton.doc>

The requested permit amendment would not increase Aquaria's total authorized withdrawal volume.

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. Copies of the application are also available for review at Aquaria Water, 170 Aquaria Drive, Dighton, MA; please call (508) 880-0099 to schedule an appointment.

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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