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**Mount Hope Bay Watershed
Kickemuit River subwatershed
Rehoboth and Swansea, Massachusetts**

TMDL PUBLIC MEETING: January 11, 2006 at 7:00p.m.
Swansea School Administration Building

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) are announcing that the Draft Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria and total phosphorus in the Kickemuit River subwatershed, is available for public comment. This Draft TMDL Report is required by the EPA Federal Clean Water Act section 303d and addresses water quality impairments associated with excessive phosphorus, sediments and bacteria (i.e. fecal coliform) loadings to water bodies in the headwaters of the Kickemuit Reservoir in eastern Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, and the impairments to the Upper and Lower segments of the Kickemuit Reservoir itself.

A copy of this Draft TMDL Report is available on the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management website at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/quality/rest/index.htm>.

A complete listing of all lakes, rivers and coastal waters on the Massachusetts 303d (Category 5 waters) list and a further explanation of the TMDL Program is available on MassDEP's website at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/resources/tmdls.htm>.

The MassDEP will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Swansea School Administration Building (Conference Room), 1 Gardners Neck Road, Swansea MA, to discuss and respond to any public comments on the report. Based on these comments, the Draft Report will be rewritten and the final version sent to EPA Region 1 for approval.

Copies of the report are available from the address below and an electronic ".pdf" copy is available on the internet for viewing (see internet address above). All comments should refer to the report number cited above and must be received by 5:00 pm on January 30, 2006. Comments should be mailed to:

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