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

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the Water Management Act (WMA) application filed for permitting of a new water withdrawal from the Taunton River Basin. The permit requested will authorize withdrawals through February 28, 2010, under the Water Management Act, M.G.L. c.21G. Comments should be submitted by April 22, 2003 to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, Massachusetts 02346, Attention: Leslie O'Shea.

Inima USA Corporation (1115 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA 02301) has applied for a WMA permit to withdraw water for the Taunton River Water Supply Project (a.k.a. Aquaria Desalination Plant) proposed to be located at 455 Somerset Avenue, Dighton. The requested average daily withdrawal volume increases from 4.04 million gallons per day (MGD) in 2004 to 8.81 MGD in 2010. The total annual withdrawal volumes are 1,474.60 MG in 2004 and 3,215.65 MG in 2010. The withdrawal is proposed for public drinking water supply.

One withdrawal point from the Taunton River is proposed at Latitude 41° 51' 00", Longitude 71° 06' 44". The withdrawal point is located within areas listed as Priority Habitats of Rare Species and Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife in the 2000-2001 Edition of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas and is an anadromous fisheries run.

The proposed project has been reviewed under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and received the necessary authorization to allow the Department to proceed with review of the Water Management Act permit application. The project was assigned EOE #10185, and a Certificate of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs was issued on January 23, 2003.

In accordance with the provisions of the Water Management Regulations at 310 CMR 36.22, Inima USA Corporation has prepared a public notice of the withdrawal, which was published in the *Taunton Daily Gazette* on February 25, 2003 and sent to each owner of property abutting the property where the withdrawal point is proposed to be located.

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) 946-2700 to schedule an appointment.

This information is available in alternate format. Call April McCabe, ADA Coordinator at 1-617-556-1171. TDD Service - 1-800-298-2207.

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