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Secretary Ian A. Bowles
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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MEPA

RE: BIRCH ROAD WELLFIELD REDEVELOPMENT
AND WATER TREATMENT PLANT EOE #14197 DRAFT EIR

Dear Secretary Bowles and Ms. Canaday:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Wayland Massachusetts, Department of Public Works. We have reviewed much of the material that has been forwarded to us and remain very concerned with regard to this project moving forward.

The proposed Wellfield is very close to Wayland's Happy Hollow Wellfield. Although the studies provided recognized the close proximity of the two wellfield's, we found that the discussion(s) were inconclusive as to the impact the Birch Road Well's operation would have on the Happy Hollow wells.

We are also concerned with regard to the impact to our Baldwin Pond Wellfield. The study stated that the pumping from the Birch Road Wellfield will have an effect on the river during dry years, but that can be handled by the Water Management Act. If this is true, will Wayland now be subject to water restrictions under the Water Management Act?

The Town of Wayland has recently invested \$10 million dollars to build a water treatment facility at the Baldwin Pond Wellfield. The water from two of the three wells at this facility was determined to be under the influence of surface water. Although this Wellfield is adjacent to Baldwin Pond, the ponds water level is determined by the Sudbury River.

The three other wells Wayland has are also built within the flood plains of the Sudbury River and could also be negatively impacted.

We understand that it is almost impossible to guarantee to Wayland the operation of the Birch Road Facilities will not impact our town's water source. However, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has always advocated that this Basin as "Moderately Stressed". Framingham is a Massachusetts Water Resource Community and is provided with an ample quantity, as well as quality of drinking water.

We feel that this project will impact our town's drinking water source not only in available volume but in water quality. We strongly urge that the request to consider the Draft EIR to become the Final EIR be denied until these concerns are addressed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Ouellette", written in a cursive style.

Donald Ouellette
DPW Director
Town of Wayland