



Town of Wayland Massachusetts

Surface Water Quality Committee

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Town of Wayland
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778

October 22, 2009

Secretary Ian A. Bowles
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office
Anne Canaday, EOE #14197
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

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

Dear Secretary Bowles and Ms. Canaday:

The Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee appreciates this opportunity to submit written public comment for the proposed project titled "Birch Road Wellfield Redevelopment and Water Treatment Plant," EOE #14197, located in Framingham, MA.

The Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee is appointed by the Wayland Board of Selectmen and charged with protecting the surface waters of Wayland.

We concur with our colleagues on the Wayland Wellhead Protection Committee that the FEIR fails to comply with the August 7, 2009 Certificate. Our concern is the potential effect on water levels in Dudley Pond which is in the same aquifer protection district as the proposal, in the North Pond of Lake Cochituate, and in the Sudbury River. The analysis by Mr. Tom Sciacca gives the technical basis of our concerns.

Despite a formal letter requesting notifications of future actions in the matter made by our committee to the Town of Framingham, and SEA Consulting, we did not, to our knowledge receive notifications of the FEIR filing. We believe the proponents have ignored their obligation to provide timely notice of the FEIR filing to affected adjacent towns. (See a copy of our letter, attached).

We request that the proponent be required to submit a Supplemental EIR. We believe that your office should not waive its requirements and allow this project to proceed unless and until the proponent clearly demonstrates that its proposed plan will protect against inadvertent environmental harm to Wayland's surface water resources by materially diverting groundwater from them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,
Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee



Robert Goldsmith & Charles W. 'Toni' Moores, chairpersons

Copies: John Viola, MassDEP
 Peter Sellers, Framingham DPW
 Mary Beth Taylor, SEA Consultants
 Wayland Selectmen
 Brian Monahan, Wayland Conservation Commission
 Steve Calichman, Wayland Board of Health,
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 Wayland Wellhead Protection Committee



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August 24, 2009

Mr. Peter Sellers
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Framingham, MA 01702

Mary Beth Taylor
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5 Whittier Street (Sovereign Bank Building)
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Framingham, MA 01701

Subject: Request for Notifications

Dear Mr. Sellers and Ms. Taylor:

The Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee is a five-person volunteer board, appointed by the Wayland Board of Selectmen. We study all matters which affect the quality of surface waters in Wayland, including North Pond, Dudley Pond, Heard Pond, and the Sudbury River. We are not a regulatory body. We advise the Selectmen and other town boards, manage the health of town water bodies, and organize funding sources for preservation and protection programs.

Nearby below-ground engineering projects have in the past lead to unexpected consequences for Wayland's waters. When the MWRA construction of its new aqueduct passed beneath Dudley Pond, it created an unexpected fracture the equivalent of a 3" diameter hole which significantly lowered the level of Dudley Pond. Our committee has a role in problem anticipation, identification, solution negotiation, and results monitoring for Wayland's surface waters.

Our committee has not received notifications from Framingham or SEA regarding the Birch Road wells. We would appreciate the opportunity to receive notifications of meetings and solicitations for comments. These notices may be sent by postal mail to the return address above.

Please address email notifications to:

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Thank you.

Best regards,
Wayland Surface Water Quality Committee



Toni Moores, Bob Goldsmith, co-chairmen

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