



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
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PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED
from May 21st until June 6, 2007

In the Environmental Monitor of April 25, 2007, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission (WRC) announced the release of a draft for public review and comment of the

**Policy for Developing Water Needs Forecasts for Public Water Suppliers
and Methodology for Implementation**

The document is available for review on the WRC website,
<http://www.mass.gov/envir/mwrc/default.htm>

This policy updates and combines the WRC policy on developing water needs forecasts for public water suppliers dated February 2001 and the forecasting methodology approved by the WRC in 1991. The WRC technical staff at the Department of Conservation and Recreation work with communities to develop forecasts of water supply needs which can be used in long-term water supply planning and for submission to MassDEP under the Water Management Act. This draft document provides the policy and methodology for developing those forecasts.

Following four public meetings held in May, the Water Resources Commission is extending the public comment period to allow for additional review and comments by interested parties. The Water Resources Commission will discuss the draft Policy and Methodology at its meeting on June 14, 2007, at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. This is a public meeting at which 45 minutes will be allocated for additional discussion and comments on the document. It is expected that the Commission will vote on the document at its meeting on July 12, 2007.

WRC staff will be accepting public comments received by 4:00 p.m. June 6, 2007. Please mail or e-mail all comments or address any questions to:

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