



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON MA 02114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Relating to the Interbasin Transfer Application
For the Littleton Electric Light and Water Department's
Proposal for a Water Supply Connection with Boxborough

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL c. 21 §§ 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act (ITA) and Regulations, that it will conduct two virtual public hearings, one each for the donor and receiving basins, to receive public comment on the proposed permanent interbasin transfer.

The Littleton Electric Light and Water Department (LELWD), which has its sources in the Merrimack River Basin, is proposing to supply up to 65,000 gallons per day (60,000 gpd subject to ITA) to provide clean drinking water to areas in Boxborough contaminated with PFAS, sodium, and chloride. Boxborough has land area in the Merrimack and Concord/SuAsCo River Basins.

The Water Resources Commission is required to consider the impact of the transfer on such issues as fisheries, recreation and the aquatic ecosystem of the donor basin. To this end, the Commission has scheduled two (2) public hearings to receive comments on this proposed interbasin transfer of water:

1. Donor basin: July 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.
2. Receiving basin: July 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.

Interested parties are welcome to participate in either of the public hearings. Copies of the application, which includes both the Single Environmental Impact Report and a supplemental memo provided to the MA Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office by LELWD, can be requested by contacting gaspara@wseinc.com, the consultant for LELWD. For questions on the Interbasin Transfer Act process, please contact Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

Persons desiring to present testimony at the hearing are encouraged to provide a written summary at or before the hearings. Submittal by email, to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov, is strongly encouraged. If testimony must be mailed, please send to Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, August 1, 2024.

It is expected that a draft staff recommendation to approve or deny the application will be presented to the Water Resources Commission at its August 8, 2024 meeting. Copies of the draft staff recommendation can be obtained by emailing Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

Following that meeting the Commission has scheduled another **public hearing** to receive comments on the draft recommendation which will be held online via Zoom on August 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Please see instructions for joining at the end of this notice.

Written comments, preferably emailed to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov, or alternately addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114, will be accepted until 5:00 PM, August 22, 2024.

Instructions for Joining the July 24th Donor Basin Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Donor Basin Public Hearing on Littleton ITA Application

Time: Jul 24, 2024 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Link to Register for Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkOyqqjwG9S3SgxvCks8bH10-BNOyVLj>

Instructions for Joining the July 25th Receiving Basin Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Receiving Basin Public Hearing on Littleton ITA Application

Time: Jul 25, 2024 01:00 PM Eastern Time

Link to Register for Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlucOyvqDsuE917gQ8bFhhDtXyBULWD8lao>

Instructions for Joining the August 15th Public Hearing Zoom Meeting:

Topic: WRC Public Hearing on Draft Staff Recommendation on Littleton ITA Application

Time: Aug 15, 2024 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Link to Register for Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kf--prTspGdzhVTdqSXmn2I9G5k_O5pqD