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Bureau of Watershed Management

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Dear Water User or Manager:

Enclosed is a draft report prepared by the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that provides preliminary results of a PA State Water Plan study of water supply for a watershed in your area. We are providing this report to you as your facility has been identified as having significant water withdrawals, management operations or discharges within the studied watershed.

The DEP, under the PA State Water Planning Program (www.depweb.state.pa.us keyword "State Water Plan"), has been working with its technical partners in performing analyses of watersheds across the Commonwealth to identify watersheds in which water demands may exceed available resources. The enclosed study provides a summary of water balancing computations that compares net withdrawals (total withdrawals minus discharges) against a statistical measure of water availability, while also considering the presence of reservoirs. Results of the comparisons provide an indication of potential water supply issues for certain areas within the watershed.

In coming months, the DEP and the ICPRB will be sharing this information with the Potomac Regional Committee for consideration of the watershed for possible "critical water planning area" (CWPA) designation. Should the watershed be nominated for CWPA designation, there will be opportunities for public review and comment following postings of information on the DEP website and through a public hearing and comment process.

We are providing this study to you for your information to keep you informed of the ongoing work and would like to receive any questions or comments you may have.

Further information on the State Water Plan, its committee process and the technical work being performed may be found at the previously-mentioned website address.

If you wish to comment on the study or discuss the results, please contact Mr. Jim Palmer of the ICPRB within two weeks by e-mail at jpalmer@icprb.org or by telephone at 301-984-1908, ext. 104. I may be reached by e-mail at djostenski@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-772-5659.

Sincerely,

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