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Dear Members:

Here it is April already and we are still waiting for some warm weather. With all the rain we have had, some of the worry of the dry winter has eased a little. But we will still need rain to help as the summer watering season approaches and we start to think of what kind of water restrictions we will have to put in place to help keep the tanks full. This is no different from any other year. As the years go by and the towns grow, it gets harder and harder to make this happen. It is a balancing act that we as water suppliers worry about and deal with every year. That's one of the things that makes this job so much fun!

This April we are being told that we have to test for Perchlorate at all our sources. This is being issued as an emergency regulation with no public input or discussion. I don't know what the rush is with this, but it may leave some of us with **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER** signs in your town with no real health threat. I have no problem performing any tests that would keep our consumers safe. This seems to be not very well thought out.

There may be a way to change this regulation on April 20th at DEP's Boston office at One Winter Street. On that day, there will be a public hearing at 10 a.m. in the 6th floor conference room. I know this is kind of short notice with all our busy schedules, but I feel this issue is important enough to change your schedules and make it a point to attend this meeting and make our voices heard, the more water suppliers the better. We **NEED TO BE HEARD**. The MWWA

has written a letter to Doug Foy, Chief of Commonwealth Development, demanding that the Perchlorate regulation be suspended immediately and are telling their members to be there. If they are successful with this regulation, which one will be next? Hope to see all of you in Boston on the 20th.

As always,
Proud to be a Water Professional

Dave Masciarelli

Ninth Annual Southeastern Massachusetts Drinking Water Fair (508)-888-7262

Date: Wed. June 23, 2004
Registration: 7:30 a.m.
Fair Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Location: Massachusetts
Maritime Academy
Buzzards Bay, MA

Fees: Register by June 16: \$25
Register after June 16: \$30

Training contact Hours (TCHs) for Large and Small Public Water System Operators—Vendor Exhibits All Day—Lunch

Limited seating—first-come, first served!

Michael Coyne has been dealing with some medical problems and has not been able to attend PCWWA meetings. However, he hopes to be able to attend the May Meeting. We all send best wishes to Mike and look forward to seeing him in May.

Newsletter Articles Needed
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