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Subject: Public Comment — Nantucket Water Withdrawal Permit 9P2-4-23-197.01
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Dear Ms. McCann and Mr. LeVangie:

Since 2018, Nantucket Tipping Point has worked to protect the island's health, safety, welfare, natural environment, and historic character through public education and advocacy. Please include this email in the public-comment record for Nantucket's draft water-withdrawal permit amendment.

Nantucket depends on a sole source aquifer, with no reasonably available alternative capable of meeting the island's water needs. Housing targets and buildable lots cannot substitute for a safe, reliable water supply.

Allowing higher withdrawals may enable further development and increase demand on Nantucket's sole source aquifer. Please consider whether that growth could exceed the island's ability to provide safe, reliable drinking water, especially during summer peaks, drought, or when contamination reduces usable supply. Protecting both water quantity and quality should guide this decision.

Please retain the existing condition on annual-average withdrawals above 2.06 million gallons per day until the public record:

- Documents the qualifying mitigation acreage, conservation restriction terms, and responsibility for enforcement.
- Supports the wastewater-return assumption with seasonal data and explains how wastewater capacity and nitrogen loading were considered.
- Demonstrates usable, compliant water supply and remaining capacity during summer peaks, drought, and loss of a major source, accounting for existing demand and approved but unbuilt connections.

Please confirm Well 15's operating status, publish current well-specific PFAS results, and provide the complete 2024 water-quality report.

If the condition is lifted, require safeguards if mitigation credit is lost, measurable conservation targets, public reporting of withdrawals and remaining capacity, and a scheduled review of actual demand and available supply.

Please address these requests in the final Findings of Fact and confirm receipt.

Respectfully,

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