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Center for Environmental Literacy – Mt. Holyoke College [see Regional Environmental Issues – Quabbin Reservoir]

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Bob Laford's Homepage – discussion of the "Massachusetts Water Quality Act" aka "Cohen Bill" [A local resident's view, with reference to the history of the Quabbin, of the issues surrounding the bill currently in the Massachusetts legislature]

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