

Policies for Admission to the MWRA Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

MWRA had policies that address the procedures and criteria for addressing requests for services to locations outside the MWRA's existing water or sewer service areas.

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MWRA ADMISSION POLICIES

The policies are as follows:

- **OP. #04, Sewer Connections Serving Property Partially Located in a Non-MWRA Community.** This policy applies to persons seeking sewer services for buildings/structures that are located partially within an MWRA sewer community and partially outside an MWRA sewer community (the actual structures, not just the parcel of land on which the structure is located, must straddle the municipal boundary). It is also known as the "Sewer Straddle" policy.
- **OP#05. Emergency Water Supply Withdrawals.** This policy applies to communities outside MWRA's Water Service Area that are seeking MWRA water on an emergency basis. The MWRA may approve emergency withdrawals for no more than six months at a time, and typically, the emergency withdrawal period coincides with a DEP Declaration of Emergency for the Community.
- **OP#09, Water Connections Serving Property Partially Located in a Non-MWRA community.** This policy applies to persons seeking to obtain water for a location, building, or structure located on a parcel of land, under single ownership, and which is subject to an integrated plan for use of development, that is located partially within an MWRA water community and partially outside an MWRA water community. It is also known as the "Water Straddle" policy.
- **OP#10, Admission of New Community to MWRA Water System.** This policy applies to communities seeking admission to the MWRA water system. OP#10 also applies to any local body, institution, agency or facility of the Commonwealth or federal government seeking MWRA water for a location outside MWRA's Water Service area. Connections and withdrawals by private entities outside the water service area are prohibited, except for those that are eligible under either the water straddle policy (OP#9), or that are located contiguous to or in the vicinity of local community-owned water supply pipelines

that extend from the MWRA's Chicopee Valley Aqueduct (CVA) and that receive the appropriate approvals from the CVA, host communities, and applicable regulatory bodies.

- **OP#11, Admission of New Community to MWRA Sewer System and Other Requests for Sewer Service to Locations Outside MWRA Sewer Service Area.** This policy applies to communities seeking admission to the MWRA sewer system and to all parties seeking sewer service for locations outside the MWRA service area that are not eligible under the Sewer Straddle Policy.

MWRA must approve all extension of service to entities outside the service area pursuant to the applicable policy noted above, with the exception of connections to local community owned water supply pipelines that extend from the Chicopee Valley Aqueduct. This is the case even when an entity outside the service area is not directly connected to the MWRA, but instead to a community local system that is part of the MWRA service area.