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Memorandum

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Subject: Taunton MA Final Permit – Affordability Analysis

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After the close of the public comment period, the City of Taunton and its representatives submitted additional cost information and affordability analyses. The new cost estimates represented a significant increase over previous cost estimates. As these cost estimates are speculative and unsupported, EPA has declined to rely on them for conducting an affordability analysis. Additionally, the updated affordability analyses submitted by the City and its representatives continues to utilize an incorrect figure for the number of households connected to the sewer system. Accordingly, EPA stands by its analysis contained in the Response to Comments issued along with the final permit.