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DATA SOURCES:
- Groundwater Protection Areas - Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- Wellhead Protection Areas - Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- Level A Aquifer Protection Areas - Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Level B Aquifer Protection Areas - Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Level C Aquifer Protection Areas - Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

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