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Local officials often need a more thorough understanding of lake management issues related to control of nuisance aquatic vegetation; project proponents frequently need to develop more informed lake management proposals; and state agencies need a more consistent approach to reviewing and permitting these projects. To address these common problems, Massachusetts environmental agencies developed the Generic Environmental Impact Report (GEIR) on Eutrophication and Aquatic Plant Management. This presentation highlights key features of the GEIR and other recent efforts to address these problems and provides an overview of practical, citizen-based measures to identify and remove pioneer infestations before they become ecologically troublesome and fiancially infeasible to manage.