



City of Cambridge

R-33.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In its recent series of reports on "Safety on the Homefront," Channel Four TV News cited Cambridge as one of the communities in the state best prepared to handle a biological or chemical emergency; and

WHEREAS: The report focused on Cambridge's expert Hazardous Material Team and its award-winning Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), one of only three fully certified LEPC's in the state; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's outstanding HazMat Team and LEPC are under the jurisdiction of the Fire Department, and are led and coordinated by Fire Captain Lawrence Ferrazani and Fire Chief Gerard Reardon; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its congratulations and appreciation to the Cambridge Hazardous Materials Team and the Cambridge Local Emergency Planning Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Hazardous Materials Team and the Cambridge Local Emergency Planning Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council November 5, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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- ① Local Emergency
- ② Planning Committee

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"one of the communities
is the state best prepared
to handle a bioterrorism or chemical
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1 of 3 communities by certified LAPC



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT

David B. O'Connor
Director

October 29, 2001

Robert W. Healy' City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA

Re: Security at MIT Reactor

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am writing in response to your inquiry relative to parking near the MIT Reactor Lab. I understand that there are some security concerns from someone in the community relative to parking on the street in the area of MIT building NW-12.

Since I spoke with you I have reviewed my notes and the MIT Reactor Lab Security Plan. The security plan was approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) after review of the plan and an examination of the site, taking into consideration a wide range of risks that I cannot detail in this letter. I also looked at the notes that were made at the time of the extensive review of the reactor conducted by the Police and Fire Chiefs, the Health Commissioner and myself several years ago.

There is absolutely no requirement by the NRC plan that there be restrictions on vehicles parked in the street adjacent to the lab complex. It was determined quite some time ago that no credible vehicular bomb located beyond the MIT property line could cause sufficient damage to damage the reactor to result in the release of any radiation.

The electronic, physical and armed human security in place are actually more that is required by the security plan approved by the NRC. I cannot enumerate all of the security that is in place as the exact security precautions are classified as "Safeguards" information. I should note however that I was extremely pleased to learn that an observer was not able to see the armed personnel. This is a very strong indication that the plan is being fully implemented.

If you have any additional questions please let me know and I will either answer them or get you the information needed.

Respectfully,

D. B. O'Connor



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Resolution #33

Congratulations and appreciation to the Cambridge Hazardous Materials Team and the Cambridge Local Emergency Planning Committee for Cambridge being named by Channel 4 TV News as one of the best prepared communities in the state for a biological or chemical emergency.

Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

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