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Dear Sam Re EOEa 03555 Winter St./Route 128 Interchange

WSCAC is gratified by the outcome of the environmental impact report on this interchange. Due to the necessity of preparation of the report, numerous comments were submitted, including ours, on the subject of the salt loading of the Cambridge reservoir; and due to these comments, the city of Waltham has agreed by letter of 9/29 to switch to calcium chloride for snow and ice control, not only at the interchange but on all the streets surrounding the reservoir. The report estimates this will reduce use by more than 100 tons a year. Such a result is most encouraging, and certainly demonstrates the positive effects of the MEPA program in mitigating environmental damage.

The agreement to reduce salt use is now expressed only in a letter, included as page R-20 of the impact report. Since the MEPA office is not in a position to monitor performance under approved impact reports, we think this proposal should be memorialized in a contract of some sort. The evident contracting bodies would be the Waltham DPW and the Cambridge water board-- but as we have not contacted either, this is only a suggestion. Perhaps you have worked out similar procedures in the past for creating enforceability of mitigation measures?

We hope you will give some thought to this important finishing touch on the subject project.

Sincerely,

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Comm. from Alexandra Dawson, Exec. Dir.,
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Supply Re: environmental impact report on
the Winter St./Rte. 128 Interchange.

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