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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

September 10, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-212, regarding a report on the disposal of batteries, Public Works Commissioner Lisa Peterson reports the following:

Alkaline batteries, the most common form of household batteries, are no longer manufactured with discernable levels of mercury. Alkaline batteries can be safely disposed of in the trash. Button cell batteries still contain discernable levels of mercury. These batteries, along with rechargeable batteries that contain other dangerous heavy metals, can be recycled at the Recycling Drop-off Center. The Drop-off Center is open to the public during the weekend and in the evenings for thirteen hours each week. The opportunity to recycle batteries at the Drop-off Center is publicized on the web-site and in the annual recycling brochure, which is mailed to all households in the City.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item Number 01-205, regarding what policies are currently in place for parking in residential areas for visiting home healthcare workers.

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