



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Conrad C. Fagone
Commissioner

September 26, 1980

Dean Amidon, Commissioner
Department of Public Works
100 Nashua Street
Boston, MA

Dear Commissioner Amidon:

On behalf of the City of Cambridge I am requesting that we be considered by the state for the installation of a salt storage shed. We have had numerous discussions over the years with the state for the shed, but it has been my understanding that none have been available. The City of Cambridge has its own public water supply and is not served by the MDC.

The salt content in our water supply has risen dramatically in the last ten years. Much of it has been the fault of the Commonwealth because of its salt storage and roadway networks, namely Route 2 and Route 128, which pass through our water shed. Over the last two to three years because of the help from your Department, particularly Mr. Frank Carr, we have been able to decrease the sodium level in our reservoir. You have better storage facilities in Lexington which has helped considerably and the city is much appreciative of this work. However, much remains to be done.

The sodium level in our water supply is still extremely high. Any measure that can be done including our own salt storage will help our water supply. We feel that your efforts coupled with ours can make a substantial effect on reducing the sodium level through proper storage of salt.

The Department of Environmental Quality Engineering has met with the City of Cambridge on numerous occasions in reference to our salt problems. The City Council is in the process right now of holding public hearings. Mr. Frank Carr of your staff met with the City Council this past Monday, September 22 and is fully aware of our problems.

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We request your consideration for any future facility that might become available to the City of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

Conrad C. Fagone
Commissioner

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cc: Mr. James L. Sullivan, City Manager
Cambridge City Council ✓
Mr. Frank Carr, DPW (State)

Comm. from Commission of Public Works
transmitting a copy of a communication
sent to Commissioner Dean Amidon re:
that the City of Cambridge be considered
for the installation of a salt storage
shed.

In City Council,
Sept. 29, 1980

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