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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

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April 7, 2003

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 03-40, relative to a report on practices currently in place regarding the use of environmentally sound cleaning products in City owned properties, please be advised of the following:

The Department of Public Works Building operations division has been using an environmentally friendly cleaning and disinfectant product, H2Orange2 concentrate 117, in City buildings since May 2002. H2Orange2 Concentrate 117 received Green Seal Certification as of January 28, 2003, and was certified to comply with or exceed Green Seal's Environmental Standard for General-Purpose, Bathroom, and Glass Cleaners used for Industrial and Institutional Purposes (GS-37).

The City currently has contracts with 3 companies for cleaning services to the following locations: City-wide Senior Center, the North Cambridge Senior Center, 19 Brookline Street, all of the Branch Libraries, and the Water Treatment Plant. The cleaning company for the Water Department uses only "green listed" cleaning products as part of their contract. The two remaining contractors are being contacted to request the use of EPP cleaning products for the remainder of the contract period. The current contracts expire in 2004 and 2005 at which time the use of environmentally preferred cleaning products will be incorporated into the bid specifications.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #8

**Awaiting Report Item Number
03-40**, regarding a report on the
use of environmentally sound
cleaning products in City owned
properties.

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