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TO: The Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Alice K. Wolf, Mayor *Akw*

RE: Communication from the State Department of Environmental Protection concerning three non-priority oil or hazardous waste disposal sites in Cambridge

DATE: January 29, 1990

The Mayor's Office has received the attached communication regarding existing sites in the Northeast Metro Boston region that have had preliminary investigations and have been found to have some disposal of oil or hazardous waste on the property. There are three Cambridge sites listed — all of them considered non-priority by the state.

I would suggest that we refer this matter to the Commissioner of Health and the Environment Committee for follow-up and report.

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Attachment



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Environmental Protection

Metropolitan Boston - Northeast Region

5 Commonwealth Avenue

Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

Daniel S. Greenbaum
Commissioner

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Dear Local Official:

Enclosed please find information regarding sites within your community that are contaminated with oil and/or hazardous materials (i.e., "disposal sites").

The Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.00) requires that notice be given to Chief Municipal Officials and the Boards of Health regarding disposal sites in their municipalities. Attached is copy of a legal notice and press release which will appear in a regional daily or weekly newspaper on or about January 25, 1990. The legal notice contains the most recent listing of the confirmed disposal sites in DEP's Northeast Region that have been classified, pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan and M.G.L. c. 21E, section 3A (d)(2), as either a "priority" or "non-priority" disposal site. This classification was made following the completion of a Preliminary Assessment and Limited Site Investigation.

These site classifications will appear on the Department's February 15, 1990, List of Confirmed Disposal Sites and Locations to be Investigated. You will receive a copy of your community's listings prior to February 15, 1990.

For more information about individual locations on the quarterly lists, please contact Karen Stromberg at 617/935-2160 or the letterhead address.

Very truly yours,

Karen Stromberg,
Regional Planner

John J. Fitzgerald, P.E.,
Site Assessment and Cleanup
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In Northeast Mass., Metro Boston

DEP Classifies 98 Hazardous Waste Sites

Based on completed initial assessments, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has classified 98 confirmed hazardous waste sites in its Northeast Region, which includes metropolitan Boston.

Nineteen sites were given "priority" designations; the remaining 79 were given "non-priority" designations. DEP's Northeast regional office has classified 381 hazardous waste sites to date: 95 priority and 286 non-priority.

Priority sites pose the greatest potential threat to public health or the environment and are the focus of agency resources. Non-priority sites normally require smaller and simpler cleanups and may qualify for waivers from DEP approvals, with cleanup work subject to agency audit upon completion.

When Massachusetts voters amended the state Superfund law in November 1986, they committed DEP to an aggressive timetable for locating, assessing and cleaning up hazardous waste sites. The agency publishes a classification for each site where a petroleum or hazardous materials release is confirmed.

DEP also provides for public notice of and involvement in site cleanup decisions. The agency informs municipal officials whenever it investigates a site, plans for remedial actions or does field work. In addition, ten or more citizens can petition the agency to develop a public involvement plan for a particular site.

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NOTE: A list of the newly-classified sites is attached.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 14(a) and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.00), the Department of Environmental Protection announces that Preliminary Assessments and Limited Site Investigations have been performed at the following locations:

COMMUNITY	SITE NAME	SITE ADDRESS	SITE #	CLASSIFICATION (P=Priority N=Non-Priority)
Amesbury	Residence	5 Macy St.	3-1624	P
Bedford	Raytheon Missile Systems	Hartwell Rd.	3-0588	P
Beverly	Filtek	L.P. Henderson Rd.	3-1319	P
Billerica	Cabot Corp. Resch. & Dev.	Concord Rd.	3-0238	P
Burlington	Bellofram Corp.	10 & 30 Blanchard Rd.	3-0669	P
Burlington	High Voltage Engineering	85 South Bedford St.	3-0981	P
Burlington	Jerguson Gage & Valve	15 Adams St.	3-0627	P
Burlington	U.S. Windpower Inc.	160 Wheeler St.	3-0267	P
Chelsea	Samuel Cabot Inc.	229 Marginal St.	3-0291	P
Dover	Property	Elm Bank	3-1877	P
Dracut	Northeast Investment Co.	955 Broadway Rd.	3-1070	P
Framingham	Commonwealth Gas Co.	350 Irving St.	3-0589	P
Lynn	Construction Project	Summer St.	3-2802	P
Middleton	Bostik Division	Boston St.	3-1494	P
Middleton	Pump N Pantry	265 S. Main St.	3-1505	P
Reading	Exxon Station	85 Main St.	3-0494	P
Waltham	Duffy Fuel	Waverly Oaks Rd.	3-0454	P
Weymouth	First Church/Sunoco	159 & 185 Washington	3-0596	P
Woburn	Whitney Barrel Co.	256 Salem St.	3-0534	P
Andover	GSF Corp.	Lowell Junction Rd.	3-0559	N
Arlington	Arlington Gagage Center	15 Ryder St.	3-2522	N
Ashland	Timex Clock Co.	200 Homer Ave.	3-0220	N
Bedford	Gillette Hanger	Hanscom Field	3-1318	N
Bedford	Mitre Corporation	Rte. 62-Burlington Rd.	3-0524	N
Bedford	Mobil Service Station	181 Great Rd.	3-0551	N
Bedford	Sunoco Service Station	180 Great Rd.	3-0550	N
Beverly	Residence	81 Hull St.	3-1629	N
Beverly	USM Machinery	181 Elliott St.	3-0610	N
Billerica	Spincraft	High St.	3-0525	N
Boston	Advanced Viaduct/CANA		3-1284	N
Boston	Bank of New England	439 Rutherford Ave.	3-2438	N
Boston	Braemore Condos	464-466 Comm. Ave.	3-0086	N
Boston	Central Artery/THT		3-2183	N
Boston	Former Drycleaner/CANA	Chelsea & Grey St.	3-2057	N
Boston	Loop Viaduct/CANA	169 Portland	3-2058	N

Boston	Savin Hill Station	1104-1112 Dorchester	3-1575	N
Boston	Wagner Electrical Corp.	145 N. Beacon St.	3-2342	N
Braintree	Clean Harbors Inc.	385 Quincy Ave.	3-0529	N
Brookline	Mobil Station	143 Essex St.	3-0842	N
Burlington	Former Amoco Station	50 Middlesex Tnpk.	3-0707	N
Burlington	Techweld	70 Blanchard Rd.	3-0266	N
Burlington	Texaco/Cyr Oil Company	49 Middlesex Tnpk.	3-1372	N
Cambridge	Boston Volvo Garage	310 Mass. Ave.	3-0278	N
Cambridge	Federal Distillers	15 Monsignor O'Brien	3-0960	N
Cambridge	Property	203 Concord Tnpk.	3-0783	N
Canton	Plymouth Rubber Co.	104 Revere St.	3-1662	N
Canton	Property	61 Jacksen St.	3-0285	N
Cohasset	J.J. Henry Co.	430 South Main St.	3-0566	N
Dedham	Norfolk County Jail	47 Village St.	3-0567	N
Dracut	Atlantic Corey Crane	830 Broadway Rd.	3-1550	N
Everett	Exxon Svc. Sta. #3-5393	670 Broadway St.	3-0817	N
Everett	Wm. Wood Co.	108 Spring St.	3-2505	N
Framingham	Delitizer Restaurant	147-149 Cochituate Rd.	3-0568	N
Framingham	Former Amoco #4175	1060 Worcester St.	3-0711	N
Framingham	Former Exxon Station	874 Edgell Rd.	3-0170	N
Framingham	Warner Lambert	55 New York Ave.	3-0319	N
Hingham	Litton Merriman Div.	100 Industrial Pk. Rd.	3-0331	N
Holbrook	Texaco Station	400 So. Franklin St.	3-1021	N
Lawrence	Blue Seal Feeds	32 West St.	3-2350	N
Lexington	Property	581 Marret Rd.	3-2064	N
Lowell	Ames Textile/Lawrence Mfg.	Suffolk St.	3-0346	N
Lowell	Lowell Housing Auth.	Adams St.	3-0573	N
Lowell	Mobil Service Station	443 Bridge St.	3-2593	N
Malden	Malden Car Wash/Mobil Sta.	330-445 Eastern Ave.	3-0367	N
Malden	Property	38 Clapp St.	3-2539	N
Malden	Vacant Lot	22 Franklin St.	3-2430	N
Medford	Allied Chemical Co.	93 Corporation Way	3-0369	N
Medford	General Electric Facility	3960 Mystic Valley Pk.	3-0371	N
Medford	Rust Proofing & Metal Fin.	55 Commercial St.	3-0374	N
Newton	Stowe & Co.	181 Oak St.	3-0397	N
Millis	Gas Station	1512 Main St.	3-2292	N
Newburyport	Berkshire Mfg. Prod. Inc.	116 Parker St.	3-2074	N
Norwood	Gibbs Oil	469 Walpole St.	3-1545	N
Norwood	Reliance Electric Co.	31 Astor Ave.	3-2519	N
Peabody	Former Amoco #629	131 Newburyport Tnpk.	3-0722	N
Quincy	Almquist Flower Shop	30 Hoover Ave.	3-1155	N
Quincy	Hedlund Motor Sales	330 Quincy St.	3-2589	N
Rockport	Dept. of Public Works	Upper Main St.	3-0425	N
Salem	FMR Old Colony Gas Station	31 Bridge St.	3-0539	N
Salem	Schylling Associates	1 Peabody St.	3-2790	N
Saugus	Mutual Service Station	50 Hamilton St.	3-1231	N

Saugus	Property	421 Broadway	3-2497	N
Somerville	Former Citgo Station	236 Washington St.	3-0133	N
Topsfield	Former Gas Station	233 Boston St.	3-2173	N
Topsfield	Property	29 Cross St.	3-2369	N
Walpole	Former Kendall Mill	Station & West St.	3-2053	N
Waltham	Commercial Property	1075 Main St.	3-2175	N
Waltham	Exxon Terminal	Jones Rd./Stoney Brk.	3-0582	N
Waltham	Industrial Property	63 & 65 Second Ave.	3-1621	N
Waltham	Waltham Chemical Co.	414 Crescent St.	3-2557	N
Watertown	Morse Manufacturing Co.	69 Howard St.	3-0876	N
Watertown	Watertown Mall	485 Arsenal St.	3-2538	N
Wellesley	Lee Imported Cars	962 Worcester Rd.	3-1358	N
Weston	Mass Broken Stone Co.	Route 20	3-2541	N
Wilmington	Raffi & Swanson	100 Eames St.	3-0470	N
Wilmington	Wilmington High School	Church St.	3-0472	N
Winthrop	Deer Island Treatment Plt.	Deer Island	3-1283	N
Woburn	No. Woburn Indus. Pk.	Gill St./Sixth Rd.	3-0150	N

These investigations have confirmed that a release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at these locations. Therefore, the Department has identified them as confirmed disposal sites. The Department has also determined that these sites are either priority or non-priority disposal sites (as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 3A (f)(3) requires that, if feasible, permanent solutions be implemented at these disposal sites. If a permanent solution is not feasible, then a temporary solution must be implemented, and a plan for achieving a permanent solution must be developed.

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide several opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites, including:

- The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be provided with notices of the results of investigations, plans for remedial responses, and field work involving the use of heavy construction equipment and/or protective clothing (310 CMR 40.202).
- Upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, or upon the Department's initiative, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and presented at a public meeting. This plan will be revised based on comments received, and will be implemented over the course of the response action (310 CMR 40.203).

For more information on the confirmed disposal sites referenced above, and the opportunities for public involvement during their remediation, please contact Karen Stromberg, DEP Northeast Regional Office, Site Assessment and Cleanup Section, 5 Commonwealth Avenue, Woburn, MA 01801 (Telephone: 617/935-2160).

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COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS FROM CITY
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In City Council,

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*Referred to the Environment
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