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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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October 7, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-77, regarding a report on the vulnerability assessment for potential security threats to the water system, Managing Director of the Cambridge Water Department Sam Corda reports the following:

Since the September 11, 2001 incident the Water Department has established an "assessment" committee to review the fundamental vulnerabilities of the Cambridge Water System. Members of this committee have attended several conferences on this topic ranging from EPA video conferencing to New England Water Works local seminars. As a result, improvements have been implemented to protect the most immediately vulnerable components of the water system.

In addition, the City applied for, was awarded, and has appropriated a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$114,983 to perform the Vulnerability Assessment (VA).

The current status of this effort is that a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) has been prepared to solicit experienced firms to lead the performance of a vulnerability assessment of the Cambridge Water System with the input and support from the Water Department staff. It is anticipated that the most qualified firm will be contracted in November 2002 with the assessment to be completed by March 31, 2003 and the report to be prepared by June 30, 2003.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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