



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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FIRE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING



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July 15, 1992

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

RE: Council Order 10

Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for your interest in the Fire Department Operations of April 29, 1992.

At 1025 hours on that date Haz Mat Units of the Cambridge Fire Department responded to the 600 building at #1 Kendall Square. On arrival the Deputy Fire Chief was notified by a representative of Repli-Gen that a chemical reaction had been observed in the hazardous waste room. An employee of Repli-Gen had found a bulging 30 gallon drum of chemical waste during an inspection of that room.

The Fire Department Hazardous Material Unit had responded at the above time and conferred with Repli-Gen chemists. The Fire Department made the decision to remove the drum. Evacuation of adjacent buildings was ordered by the Incident Commander.

The drum was placed in a larger container and removed from the building. Zecco Corporation was standing by and the drum was placed in their truck and removed from the City.

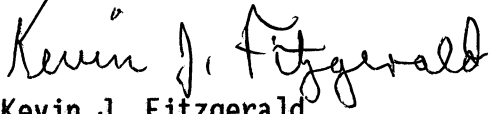
The Cambridge Fire Department is investigating this incident and will make recommendations to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Robert Healy, City Manager
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The Fire Department SARA Officer is Captain Lawrence Ferazani. Captain Ferazani is in the process of contacting and cataloging firms that would be considered small quantity generators of hazardous waste.

Captain Ferazani is reviewing the hazardous waste contingency plan for each of these small generators. The cataloging of these facilities will be complete and available by February 1, 1993.

Sincerely,


Kevin J. Fitzgerald
Chief of Department

KJF/mm

cc: Vice Mayor, Edward Cyr
Councillor, Timothy Toomey



City of Cambridge

10.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 1992

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR CYR

WHEREAS: The events of April 29, 1992, in the Kendall Square area, concerning hazardous material serves as an ever-present danger to residential communities; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Cambridge Fire and Police Departments, the City Manager and other emergency services personnel responded to the scene with diligence and professionalism; and

WHEREAS: The events lead to a number of questions concerning safety, storage and transportation of such hazardous materials in a building abutting a large residential area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide this City Council with a report outlining the events of the day, the hazardous material involved, the safety measures employed in the complex and the listing of other buildings in similar circumstances throughout the City of Cambridge.

In City Council May 4, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

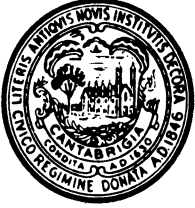
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

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Deputy City Manager

August 3, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 23, regarding concerns of the storage of hazardous materials at Kendall Square and other areas in Cambridge, please find attached a response from Kevin J. Fitzgerald, Fire Chief, concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO.8

S-599

Awaiting Report Item No. 23 regarding
concerns of storage of hazardous materials
at Kendall Square and other areas in
Cambridge.

In City Council,

August 3, 1992

Placed on file