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Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner

Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

March 28, 1991

re: Council Order 31

Dear Mr. Healy;

I am writing to note the progress made in regard to developing a systematic review of an area in the city where concern has been raised about sites which have been reported through the Chapter 21E Oil and Hazardous Material Prevention Act.

The area cited in the Order is the Alewife Quadrangle. Sites listed in the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Master Index that are in that area are being identified. Site assessments of several of the sites have already been received in my office from engineering firms. Additional information gathering is in progress.

Several Departments in the city have an interest in this matter. An initial meeting of some of the Department Heads has already taken place and another is scheduled. This interdepartmental group will collect and assess relevant information as well as questions raised. An ad hoc Environmental advisory committee formed with the advice of the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee will be available for assessment of the data and the concerns of the neighborhood. Public meetings or hearings are planned to be part of the process.

Further progress reports will follow.

Yours sincerely,

Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.

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April 8, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 22, regarding toxic waste, please find attached a response from Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Commissioner of Health & Hospital, relative to this issue.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item Number 22 regarding
toxic waste.

In City Council,

April 8, 1991

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