PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOTICES OF INTENTS SUBMITTED BY MUNICIPALITIES FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

MUNICIPALITIES:

Town of Brookline

City of Waltham

City of Cambridge

Town of Wellesley

City of Newton

Town of Weston

Town of Watertown

Town of Needham

Town of Dedham

Department Of Conservation and Recreation

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Notices of Intent for the municipalities where on public notice from October 3, 2004 to December 17, 2004. EPA received a request for a public hearing on the Notices of Intent submitted by the about referenced municipalities. The Regional Administrator has determined that a significant degree of public interest exists on the Notices of Intent referenced above and that a public hearing should be held. Accordingly, a public hearing will be held on the following date and time:

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2005

TIME: 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

LOCATION: O'Neil Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA -Conference

Room A (Positive identification needed to enter the Federal Building)

The following is a summary of the procedures that shall be followed at the public hearing:

- a. The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to open and conclude the hearing and the maintain order; and
- b. Any person appearing at such a hearing may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the Notices of Intent.
- c. The hearing officer may close the hearing, if all those wishing to make comments have done so before 3:00 PM.

The public comment period for these Notices of Intent will end on midnight February 17, 2005. All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the Notice of Intent is inappropriate, must raise all reasonable ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period. Comments should be directed to:

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FINAL ACTION:

After the public hearing and following the close of the comment period, the Regional Administrator will issue a Response to Comments document and forward a copy to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.