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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

Needham

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) will be conducting field work to support a major water supply tunnel program in the Metropolitan Boston Area. The two proposed water tunnels will improve reliability for our water infrastructure and allow our aging existing water tunnel system to be rehabilitated without interrupting service.

As part of the design effort, the MWRA has hired CDM Smith and other firms to perform test borings to drill and collect rock core samples, conduct logging and permeability testing in each boring, and install piezometers within the boreholes to measure groundwater levels.

MWRA has planned for test boring and vacuum exploration activities at the northwest cloverleaf of the intersection of I-95 and Highland Avenue. All work will be within the cloverleaf, outside of roadways and away from private properties.

The site activities at this location will include installation of temporary access path, signs, and erosion and sedimentation control around the work area to provide working space for a drill rig and support trucks, equipment, material storage, etc. At this location, the work is estimated to take about 8 to 12 weeks, including site set-up and breakdown. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work site.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 5, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction Zone Safety Plans will be implemented for traffic control, and ensuring worker and general public safety in each area.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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