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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

Newton

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.

The site activities will include installation of 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 10 weeks, including site set-up and breakdown. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work site.

MWRA has planned for test boring and vacuum exploration activities at the Leo J Martin Memorial Golf Course nearby the 16th hole and Pine Grove Avenue. All work will be outside of playing field, roadways and away from private properties. While portion of the walking trail will be obstructed during the work, the trail will remain open to pedestrian traffic throughout.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of May 23rd, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction Zone Safety Plans will be provided 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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