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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

NEWTON – Update

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, MWRA has hired GEI-MJA JV and other firms to perform test borings to study existing geological conditions. Test borings will be drilled to collect rock core samples, conduct geophysical logging and permeability testing. Piezometers may be installed within selected boreholes to measure groundwater levels.

The site activities will include installation of temporary construction fencing and erosion and sedimentation controls around the work area to provide working space for a drill rig, support trucks, equipment, and material storage. At each of these locations, the work is estimated to take about 6 to 8 weeks, including site set-up and breakdown. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work site.

MWRA has planned for one test boring within the City of Newton's Hartmann Park. The work will be limited to one area along the side near Country Club Road. All work will be outside of roadways and away from private properties. Access to Hartmann Park will remain open throughout the duration of work

Work previously scheduled to start in late June was postponed, and is now scheduled to begin the week of August 21, 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 to ensure worker and general public safety in each area.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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