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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

WALTHAM

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-Delve Underground JV and their subcontractors to perform test borings to study existing geological conditions. Test borings will be drilled to collect rock core samples, conduct downhole logging, and perform 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 and support trucks, equipment, material storage, etc. At this location, 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 entirely within the Stony Brook Reservoir property owned by the City of Cambridge, just off South Street in Waltham.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of February 26, 2024, 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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