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**STATE BOARD SUSPENDS LICENSE  
OF HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE CLEANUP PROFESSIONAL**

BOSTON – Richard E. Warren, whose office is located in Danvers, has entered into a consent agreement with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals to resolve two disciplinary complaints that were pending against him. As part of this consent agreement, Mr. Warren’s license to practice as a Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professional will be suspended for two years and he will also be required to complete certain continuing education courses.

Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals, who are also known as “Licensed Site Professionals” or “LSPs,” are licensed by the Board to oversee the assessment and cleanup of property in Massachusetts that has become contaminated with oil, gasoline, or other hazardous materials. Property owners and others who are legally responsible for the contamination hire LSPs. In the course of doing their oversight work, LSPs and their clients must submit written reports to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). MassDEP and any member of the public may file a complaint with the Board alleging that an LSP did not meet state requirements or professional standards in conducting assessment and cleanup activities at contaminated sites.

Prior to the entry of the consent agreement, the Board was in the process of investigating allegations of professional misconduct contained in two separate disciplinary complaints filed against Mr. Warren. In the first complaint, filed in 2002, a neighborhood association alleged that Mr. Warren had failed to adequately assess and clean up contaminated soils and groundwater at a former industrial property in Danvers. The property was contaminated with petroleum and metals.

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In the second complaint, filed in April 2007, two citizens alleged that Mr. Warren failed to meet MassDEP's requirements and the Board's professional standards when he filed an inadequate "Downgradient Property Status" report for a property in Danvers that had previously been used as a service station. In this report, Mr. Warren asserted that the petroleum contamination on the property likely originated from a release at an adjacent property that was also formerly used as a service station. MassDEP later audited this report and found it to be inadequate to support this assertion.

On February 12, 2008, with the two complaints still under investigation, the Board and Mr. Warren entered into an Administrative Consent Order that resolves both of these disciplinary matters. Pursuant to this Consent Order, while Mr. Warren has not admitted to any wrongdoing, he has agreed that his LSP license will be suspended for two years, and he will complete certain continuing education courses.

Gretchen Latowsky, a member of the Board, stated: "By suspending Mr. Warren's license, the Board is protecting the public and the environment, and upholding the Board's standards of professional conduct."

The Board works to maintain high standards of practice by LSPs by establishing qualifications for licensure, administering a licensing exam, requiring that LSPs obtain continuing education, and investigating complaints against LSPs to ensure compliance with state laws, regulations, and the Board's own rules of professional conduct.

Additional information about the Board, a list of LSPs, and other information about the state's waste site cleanup program can be found at the Board's Web site at <http://www.mass.gov/lsp> or by calling the number listed above.

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