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**FORMER HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE CLEANUP PROFESSIONAL  
AGREES NOT TO REAPPLY FOR A LICENSE**

BOSTON – John J. Balco, whose office is located in Boston, Massachusetts, has entered into a consent agreement with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals to resolve a disciplinary complaint filed in 2004 that was under investigation by the Board. Under this consent agreement, Mr. Balco, who withdrew from the profession while the complaint was under investigation, has agreed not to reapply for a license from the Board.

In June 2004, Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection (MassDEP) filed a complaint with the Board alleging that Mr. Balco violated the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct by failing to notify MassDEP that a private home with a drinking water well contaminated with the gasoline additive methyl-tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) had not been connected to the public water supply, as MassDEP had ordered. MassDEP alleged that as a result, a family of four continued to use the private well. MassDEP had ordered the connection, along with other actions, to address the hazards resulting from a release of gasoline from a service station located at 353 Main Street in Spencer, Massachusetts.

On March 20, 2007, Mr. Balco and the Board entered into an Administrative Consent Order that resolves this disciplinary matter. Pursuant to this Consent Order, while Mr. Balco has not admitted to any wrongdoing, he has agreed not to reapply for an LSP license.

Janine Commerford, Chair of the Board, stated: "This agreement demonstrates that the Board takes seriously the allegations raised in disciplinary complaints, even when an LSP's license is not active. Without this agreement, Mr. Balco could have reapplied for a license at any time, and if he passed the LSP exam, resumed practicing."

The Board licenses Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals, who are known as "Licensed Site Professionals" or "LSPs," 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. LSPs and their clients must file written reports with the 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.

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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