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**HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE CLEANUP PROFESSIONAL
ENTERS CONSENT DECREE WITH MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD**

BOSTON – Raymond W. Talkington, formerly of Geosphere Environmental Management, Inc., in Exeter, N.H., has entered into an Administrative Consent Order with the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals (the Board). His license lapsed on January 30, 2011, when he did not renew it in accordance with state regulations. The Board and Mr. Talkington subsequently agreed that he would not re-apply for a license as a Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professional (LSP) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts within five years of executing the Order.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) conducted audits at disposal sites in Boston, North Attleboro, Quincy, Saugus, and Medford, and found that Mr. Talkington failed to adhere to the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan in providing professional services. MassDEP filed a complaint with the Board in March 2010.

The Board agreed that, in exchange for executing the Consent Order, it will not conduct, recommend, or prosecute Mr. Talkington or take action under any state law, regulation, or other legal authority. The Consent Order resolves all disciplinary matters currently pending against Mr. Talkington.

"The Board's regulations require that in providing professional services, a waste site cleanup professional should hold paramount protection of the public safety, health, welfare and environment at all times," said David Austin, a LSP Board member.

"LSPs" are licensed by the Board to oversee the assessment and cleanup of property in Massachusetts contaminated with petroleum or other hazardous materials. They are hired by parties, which are legally responsible for cleanup of the contamination.

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