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HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE CLEANUP PROFESSIONAL SURRENDERS LICENSE TO STATE BOARD

BOSTON –The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals has entered into a consent agreement with Christopher P. Parent to resolve a disciplinary complaint that the Board was investigating. Under the agreement, Mr. Parent, whose office is in Wilbraham, has voluntarily surrendered his license to practice as a Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professional (Licensed Site Professional, or LSP) and has agreed not to reapply for licensure for at least four years.

Before entering into the consent agreement, the Board was actively investigating allegations of professional misconduct against Mr. Parent based on a disciplinary complaint filed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The complaint cited work Mr. Parent performed at several sites, including commercial property in Holyoke formerly occupied by a dry cleaner, where tetrachloroethene (PCE) was detected in soil and groundwater. MassDEP alleged that Mr. Parent failed to adequately assess the potential sources and the extent of PCE contamination on the property. The Board's investigation also included Mr. Parent's work at additional sites, including another property in Holyoke and one in Springfield. Before the investigation concluded, Mr. Parent agreed to resolve the matter by entering into a consent agreement. While not admitting wrongdoing, Mr. Parent agreed to surrender his license and not reapply for four years. This agreement resolves all pending charges.

Kirk Franklin, a member of the Board, stated: "This agreement protects the public and the environment and upholds the Board's professional conduct standards by removing this LSP from the profession."

LSPs are licensed by the state board to oversee the assessment and cleanup of property in Massachusetts that has become contaminated with oil, gasoline, or other hazardous materials. Chapter 21E of the General Laws requires that property owners and others who are legally responsible for such contamination must retain the services of an LSP to oversee work done to assess the nature and extent of the contamination and the risks it poses. If the site is found to pose a significant risk, an LSP must also oversee the cleanup required. In the course of assessing and cleaning up the contamination, LSPs and their clients must submit written reports to MassDEP demonstrating that MassDEP's Chapter 21E regulations have been followed. These regulations are designed to protect public health and the environment from any significant risks posed by the contamination.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals works to maintain high standards of practice by LSPs. It protects public health, welfare, and the environment 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. Any member of the public may file a complaint with the Board alleging that an LSP did not meet the state regulations or professional standards in conducting assessment and/or cleanup activities at a contaminated site.

For more information about the Board, a directory of licensed LSPs and details about Massachusetts' Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup program, visit <http://www.mass.gov/lsp> or contact the Board directly.

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