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

BOSTON – Henry Lord, whose office is located in Westwood, has entered into a consent agreement with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals to resolve disciplinary charges that were pending against him. As part of this consent agreement, Mr. Lord’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.

The disciplinary charges pending against Mr. Lord originated from two separate complaints filed with the Board by a private citizen and by MassDEP. In November 2000, a private citizen filed a complaint with the Board alleging that Mr. Lord failed to meet professional standards when he filed an inadequate “Downgradient Property Status” report for a property in Medford. Downgradient Property Status reports transfer responsibility for the cleanup of property to other parties. The complaint further alleged that Mr. Lord's report failed to identify any source from which the contaminant could have traveled to his client’s property, failed to explain how the contaminant came to be located on his client’s property, and failed to investigate a petroleum pipeline crossing his client’s property as a potential source of the contamination. In April 2007, MassDEP filed a complaint with the Board alleging that Mr. Lord failed to oversee

response actions adequately at a site in Nantucket by neglecting to sample for certain contaminants in areas where they were likely to be found.

On September 6, 2007, with the complaints under investigation, the Board and Mr. Lord entered into an Administrative Consent Order that resolves both of these disciplinary matters. Pursuant to this Consent Order, while Mr. Lord 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.

Janine Commerford, Chair of the Board, stated: “By suspending Mr. Lord’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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