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To: Massachusetts Environmental Health Association Members

From: Beverly Anderson, Director, Coordinated Environmental Response

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RE: Environmental Health and Emergency Response

In an effort to better capture the enormous number of environmental health incidents and responses, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Environmental Health (BEH) has developed what we hope will be an annual report summarizing state and local public health actions. Attached please find a report from the BEH, "Planning and Response to Emergency Events, 2008-2009." The report illustrates the response efforts to environmental health emergencies provided by BEH programs in collaboration with local health officials. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the major role of local public health agencies in responding to environmental health emergencies, and to thank local health officials for their collaboration in these events.