

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
November 15, 2012

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group** – The Working Group met on Oct. 25. Information from participants is detailed below.
2. **MBTA** – The T is working on a report that will detail their proposed long term solution for the low groundwater levels in the South End south of the Southwest Corridor. Their consultant, GZA, has completed their groundwater flow model. They are looking at several potential solutions and will explain their choices to the Working Group at its next meeting in January and at a public meeting shortly after that. They have met with a technical committee from the Working Group to go over details and will do so again in December.
3. **Dartmouth Street** – BWSC has completed lining both the sewer on Dartmouth Street in Back Bay and the connection between the Dartmouth Street combined sewer overflow and the West Side Interceptor. They have also made some additional manhole repairs. They continue to work on the problem, and they and the City have committed to do so until the problem is solved.
4. **North End** – Because the repairs to the sewer line in Richmond St have not led to increased groundwater levels near the intersection with Commercial Street, BWSC will conduct new dye tests to attempt to find additional sources of leakage.
5. **Blagden Street** – BWSC's contractor was to dig a test pit in Blagden Street to determine the exact nature of potential utility interference with the repair work to be done there. They are still not sure whether the work can be completed this year or will have to be finished in the spring.
6. **GCOD** – Compliance with GCOD continues to be excellent, thanks to the efforts of ISD, BWSC, the BRA, and the Board of Appeals. There have now been 165 recharge systems installed and inspected to meet GCOD standards. We continue to work with project proponents to help them develop the most cost effective ways to meet GCOD requirements.
7. **Website** – Traffic to our website remains solid, and I continue to get compliments on the information on the site.
8. **Meetings** – I met with Brian Swett, Chief of Energy and Environment for the City, and Phil Griffiths, Undersecretary of EOEEA, the cochairs of the Working Group, to discuss operation of the Group now that Brian has replaced Jim Hunt. I attended a scoping session for new projects planned by Boston Children's Hospital, and I met with the engineer for a project at 352 Newbury Street to discuss how it could best meet GCOD recharge requirements.
9. **Comment Letters** – I filed comments on the projects at Boston Children's Hospital and 16-20 Peterborough Street. As always, they are posted on our website.