EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
December 18, 2008

1. **City-State Groundwater Working Group –** The group will meet again in January.
2. **MBTA –** The reduction in groundwater levels on Cazenove and St. Charles Strets seems to have largely ended with the completion of dewatering for a building repair on Cazenove Street. Since the water being removed was being recharged elsewhere on the site, we will need to think more about the implications for temporary recharge during construction dewatering elsewhere. Design work on the long term solution for the Back Bay Station area should be getting into high gear shortly.
3. **DCR –** DCR was not able to complete all of the regulatory issues before the end of the construction season. However, they remain committed to installation of the temporary recharge system from the Storrow Drive west pumping station to Back Street and anticipate installing it when construction resumes in the spring.
4. **BWSC –** BWSC is still planning to contract shortly for the diver to inspect and repair leaks on Beacon Street in Back Bay and Commercial Street in the North End.
5. **GCOD –** Compliance with GCOD remains excellent, with very good cooperation from ISD, BWSC, and the Board of Appeals. There was a variance granted this month for a project on Lansdowne Street where contamination from an underground tank could not be remediated under the adjacent railroad tracks without shutting down rail service; the project will do a more reduced amount of recharge that will not lead to spreading of the contamination.
6. **Website –** Traffic has been strong, and I continue to get positive comments on the site. We have improved some of the report indexing and are working on ways to make the topics of these reports easier to find. We have also added approximate rim elevations to the well id data available on the interactive map.
7. **Vacation –** I'll be on vacation Dec 22-31, returning to the office on Jan. 2. I will be checking email and voicemail during that time and can respond if necessary.