NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR RESPONSE ACTION PERMIT FOR TIER 1 DISPOSAL SITES MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

42-44 Webster Street, Worcester, Massachusetts RELEASE TRACKING NUMBERS 2-14030 and 2-14464

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0703), an Initial Application for Response Action Permit for Tier 1 Disposal Sites will be submitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") for the above-referenced site on September 5, 2003. The application proposes the following permit classification: Tier IC. Anyone interested in reviewing the Initial Application for Response Action Permit for Tier 1 Disposal Sites should notify DEP in writing by September 23, 2003 at the following address:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF WASTE SITE CLEANUP - PERMIT SECTION
CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE BUILDING
627 MAIN STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01608-2022.

If anyone notifies DEP of his or her interest in reviewing or submitting comment on the application, DEP will conduct a public comment review period of twenty (20) days, which shall run concurrently with DEP's Initial Technical Review of the application. Anyone who fails to notify DEP in writing of his/her interest in commenting on the application by the above date may be deemed to have waived his/her rights, if any, to appeal DEP's permit decision or to intervene in an adjudicatory proceeding with respect to the application, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0070 (2).

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of, and involvement in, decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and 2) Upon receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information on this disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement, please contact Michael S. Lotti, Senior Environmental Engineer, Massachusetts Electric Company, 55 Bearfoot Road, Northboro, Massachusetts, 01532.