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MEMORANDUM

TO: Heads of Fire Departments

FROM: Stephen D. Coan
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DATE: August 1, 2011

SUBJECT: **Prohibited Use of Antifreeze in Certain Fire Sprinkler Systems**

This advisory is issued to provide an update to the January 1, 2011 memo regarding the prohibition on anti-freeze on the installation of new sprinkler systems. This is to advise you that the Board of Building Regulations and Standards has continued the prohibition on the use of anti-freeze at this time. The decision was made to extend this prohibition until such time a public hearing can be held on this topic regarding updating the 780 CMR references to the newer National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

The memorandum issued on existing sprinkler system and antifreeze issued on July 1, 2011 is still in effect for existing systems. It is important to work with facilities and ensure that facilities are maintaining their sprinkler systems, testing for anti-freeze and replacing, if needed.

If there are any questions please contact either: Dana Haagensen (North of the Mass. Pike) at 978-567-3376 or Jacob Nunnemacher (South of the Mass. Pike) at 978-567-3377.