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I am sure that all of you have received the new regulation for perchlorate. This new regulation establishes an MCL of .0020 mg/l for perchlorate beginning in 2007.

I am not sure of the laboratory testing costs, but I recommend that all water utilities to increase their FY08 operating budgets when you submit them this winter to cover the future costs of the testing.

Groundwater sources are required to test for perchlorate in April of 2007 and September of 2007. Surface water sources are required to test four consecutive quarters beginning in January of 2007, so the financial impact for those suppliers is immediate.

I recently attended a meeting with Mass Highway Department (MHD) at the DEP SERO regarding reduced salt zones. MHD is looking to reduce the number of these zones across the state, and if Water Suppliers wish to maintain reduced salt zones, the MHD is looking for monthly tests reports for sodium to validate their request.

The water suppliers in attendance voiced their deep concerns about the cost and time required for this additional testing. MHD issued a policy for sodium testing back in 1996, but most water suppliers in attendance did not remember receiving the document.

I voiced a concern that if water suppliers were going to go to the expense and effort of performing this additional testing, then MHD must control the salt levels being spread from equipment sanding the roads.

I told the MHD representatives that my

“low salt zone” roads are completely white with salt after a snow event, so I was reluctant to perform any additional testing unless adequate supervision and controls were in place to eliminate this problem. MHD promised to address my concerns by having a meeting in October in Avon with all contractors’s hired by them to identify the roads and discuss the allowable salt mix allowed in these areas.

Other water suppliers may want to do the same thing and schedule a meeting with their MHD snow and ice engineer prior to the winter season.

Sincerely,

John F. Tetreault
President

**October is Breast Cancer
Awareness Month**

Did you know?

- Human brains are 75% water
- Human bones are 25% water
- Human blood is 83% water
- 75% of a chicken is water
- 80% of a pineapple is water
- 95% of a tomato is water
- 70% of an elephant is water
- Each day the sun evaporates a trillion tons of water.
- A single tree will give off 70 gallons of water per day in evaporation

**August
Web Winner Drawings**

-  Carl Atwood
Kingston Water Dept. (retired)
-  Gerald Davis
Town of Hanson
-  Alfred Depaulo
Halifax Water Dept.
-  Kevin Fagan
-  George Howland
-  Edward Keane
Abington-Rockland (retired)
-  Paul McDonald
Carver High School
-  Robert Pickering
Haley & Ward, Inc.
-  Bert Tighe
Ti-Sales, Inc.

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YOU
NEXT?

**September
Web Winner Drawings**

-  Andrew Bigham
Stiles Co., Inc.
-  Daniel Bosworth, Jr.
Halifax Water Dept.
-  James DeLuca
Aqua Solutions, Inc.
-  Jennifer Diglaw,
ArKion System
-  Robert Langill
(Retired)
-  Neal Merritt
Norwell Water Department
-  Charles Shurtleff
DEP-SERO-DWP
-  Mark White
Environmental Partners Group
-  Paul Pacheco
Dartmouth Water & Sewer

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*Happy
Birthday!*

PCWWA would like to wish the following members a happy birthday.

September Birthdays

Rebecca Carvalho (2) ♦ Anthony Kalicki (2) ♦ Paul Trapani (2) ♦ Robert Zora (7) ♦ Brian Giovanoni (11) ♦ Gilbert Joly (11) ♦ Tim Begley (12) ♦ Kevin Carpenter (12) ♦ Dennis Boucher (15) ♦ Gary Willette (15) ♦ Thomas Otto (20) ♦ John Fresh, Jr. (21) ♦ Michael Perrault (21) ♦ Patrick Connelly (23) ♦ F. Adam Yanulis (23) ♦ Robert Dawe Jr. (26)

October Birthdays

Richard Mueda (1) ♦ Bradley P. Hayes (2) ♦ John A. Lincoln (2) ♦ Rob Greene (7) ♦ Timothy G. Canucci (9) ♦ Deborah Fuller (11) ♦ Michael Zylich (12) ♦ Paul Brown (14) ♦ Eleanor Mc Carter (15) ♦ Andrew Miller (15) ♦ Frederick Gladstone (16) ♦ Bruce B. Babcock (17) ♦ Andy Iskra (20) ♦ Martin G. Feroli (22) ♦ Carol Stevens (26) ♦ Leanne Monaghan (28) ♦ Neil R. Mahoney (30) ♦ Rick L. Penney (30) ♦ Tom Hydro (31)

Congratulations to **Michael Perrault**, P.M.P. Associates, LLC for winning the September birthday gift drawing.

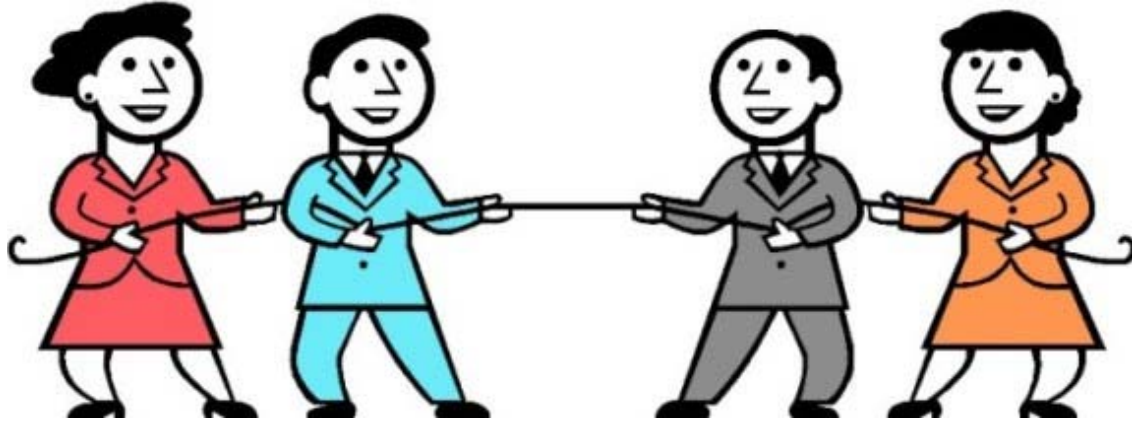
Congratulations to **Deborah Fuller**, Harwich Water Department, for winning the October birthday gift drawing.

All winners receive a \$25.00 Home Depot Gift Card courtesy of Ti-Sales Inc., Sudbury, MA.



Program Agenda

Dealing Effectively With Conflict In the Workplace



Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Country Club of New Bedford
585 Slocum Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747
(directions on website, www.pcwwa.org)

Program: Conflict in the Workplace
Jim Pritchard, President of Pritchard Consulting

Meal: 12:30 p.m.
Chicken Verdiccio or Baked Haddock, Salad, and Dessert
\$20—Honorary Members/Retirees
\$25—Regular/Active Members (Early Registration)
\$30—Walk-ins, Non-members or Late Registrations (After 10/19/06)

To Register: Online—www.pcwwa.org
Call the Norwell Water Department at 781-659-8076

Note: **The Country Club requires a business casual dress code.**
