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**ENPRO HELPS HOMEOWNERS UNDERSTAND, BENEFIT FROM NEW
HOMEOWNER OIL HEATING SYSTEM UPGRADE AND INSURANCE LAW**

**Company serving MA homeowners and businesses for over two decades helps
raise awareness of legislation, provides individual impact assessments**

Newburyport, MA – June 29, 2010 – [ENPRO Services, Inc. \(ENPRO\)](#), a customer-focused firm specializing in the management of oil and hazardous waste, wants homeowners and multi-unit (up to 4) residential building owners across Massachusetts who heat with oil to be aware of a new law intended to address oil spills from home heating systems. By July 1, 2010, these homeowners must upgrade their home heating system equipment to prevent leaks from tanks and pipes that connect to oil-burning furnaces. Those homeowners who do not install the required safety devices, or who do not purchase the insurance against oil spills that insurers will be required to offer, may find themselves liable for cleanup costs that can run to tens of thousands of dollars should they experience a spill.

The two main provisions of the law require:

- the installation of either an oil safety valve or an oil supply line with protective sleeve on systems that do not currently have these devices
- insurance companies that write homeowner policies must now offer coverage for leaks from heating systems that use oil

“While a [fact sheet](#) has been provided online by the MassDEP and the complete text of the law may be found on the MA government [website](#), many homeowners may still not be aware of the law or may not fully understand how it impacts them,” said David Cowie, Chief Operating Officer of ENPRO. “As a company specializing in cleaning up oil spills big and small, we’ve seen first-hand how financially devastating a residential spill cleanup can be, and with many homeowners already stretching to pay their mortgages, the more they know about how to protect themselves from this scenario, the better.”

“Homeowners don’t have a choice about the upgrades - which are a solid investment in safeguarding a home heating system in any case - but they do have a choice regarding whether to purchase insurance. When making that decision, our recommendation is to proceed carefully,” cautions Dr. Geoffrey Brown, Vice President, ENPRO. “Prior to this new law, there were grey areas in terms of insurance coverage for home heating oil

spills: for example, most often insurance would kick in when there was 3rd party liability, when the oil release could impact a 3rd party such as a neighbor's property. With the new law, coverage decisions may be much more black and white. If you have a spill, and you waived the chance to buy insurance, you may not have insurance coverage, period. Or, if you purchased \$50,000 worth of coverage, you may get that. But if the spill costs \$1M to clean up, you may have to come up with the remaining \$950,000. So, when deciding whether to purchase insurance and how much, it is best to be an informed consumer."

ENPRO recommends consumers consider the following points when making a decision on oil spill insurance:

- Determine what the coverage cost limits are. The MassDEP notes that while a small leak can cost as much as \$15,000 to clean up, spill cleanup costs can exceed \$250,000.
- Determine other limitations. For example, does the insurance include such items as backfilling an excavation, or restoring your property? Some current oil spill policies do not cover these items.
- Determine whether there are any other limitations on the policy. For example, does the policy cover an oil spill if the tank itself (versus the newly upgraded lines and fittings) fails?

Should Massachusetts residents have any additional questions regarding the new law, ENPRO recommends that they contact their current heating oil and home insurance providers. In addition, and for expert advice regarding what to do in case of a spill, they are welcome to call ENPRO at 800.966.1102 or visit www.enpro.com.

About ENPRO

ENPRO Services, Inc., (ENPRO) is a customer-focused firm specializing in the management of oil and hazardous waste. With over 25 years of industry experience, ENPRO serves a diverse client base from its fully equipped service centers located in Newburyport, MA, Portland, ME, Pembroke, NH and Burlington, VT. ENPRO provides comprehensive environmental services to address virtually any project that requires the professional management of oil and hazardous waste, featuring 24-hour emergency response, waste transportation and disposal, small- and large-scale site clean-ups, technical assessments, equipment rental, and the removal and installation of petroleum/chemical distribution and storage tank systems, as well as a broad range of additional field and technical services. ENPRO is recognized throughout the Greater Northeast region for its depth of seasoned employees and their ability to complete assignments on a turnkey basis using company-owned resources.

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