

# **Toxics Action Center**

**Cleaning Up and Preventing  
Pollution in Our Communities**

## **Massachusetts Dirty Dozen Awards 2003**

### **Aquatic Control Technology and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation - Natick**

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation has approved Aquatic Control Technology's proposal to spread the toxic pesticide Diquat Bromide to control weeds in 52 acres of Lake Cochituate. Diquat Bromide, also known as Reward, is a highly persistent toxic pesticide and a suspected carcinogen. Natick's municipal water supply draws more than one million gallons of water from Lake Cochituate every day at the Springvale well, a shallow well that sits on a small peninsula surrounded almost completely by the lake. The Natick Board of Health has raised concerns of the potential impact of the pesticide on town drinking water. The residents want the Department of Conservation and Recreation to use non-toxic methods that have proven to be effective in controlling weeds.