

**COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE PLAN
FOR ANIMAL CARCASS MANAGEMENT IN A DISASTER
FRANKLIN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS**

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