



**BOSTON BRUINS RECEIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MERIT AWARD
FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Club's Food Recovery Effort is Part of League-wide Partnership with Rock and Wrap It Up!

NEW YORK (May 17, 2011) – On Wednesday, May 11, the Boston Bruins received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Merit Award for their efforts in food waste recovery and prevention. Since the beginning of the season, the Bruins have collected and donated prepared but untouched food after each home game at TD Garden.

In partnership with Delaware North Companies Sportservice and the Boston Rescue Mission, the Bruins' food recovery initiative has diverted 6,950 pounds of food waste from landfill while providing the Mission with 5,219 meals. The Bruins' Rock and Wrap It Up! program captured the front page headline of the January 18, 2011, edition of the *Boston Globe* and was featured on the "Making a Difference" segment on *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams* in April.

The U.S. EPA Region 1 Environmental Merit Award recognizes New England individuals, businesses and non-profits that have shown particular ingenuity and commitment in their environmental stewardship. For more than 30 years, EPA New England has honored those who have made outstanding contributions on behalf of the Region's environment.

The Bruins received their award in Boston's historic Faneuil Hall, alongside teachers, citizen activists, business leaders, scientists and public officials who have exemplified leadership and innovation in addressing the Region's desire for a cleaner, healthier and better-protected environment. Boston Bruins Foundation Director of Development Bob Sweeney was on hand to accept the award, which was constructed from 100 percent recyclable material.

The Bruins became the ninth NHL Club to be recognized this year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In March, EPA Region 5 honored the Blackhawks, Blue Jackets, Red Wings and Wild during on-ice ceremonies. In April, the Sabres, Islanders, Rangers and Devils were presented with Environmental Quality Awards at EPA Region 2 offices in New York City.

In October, the National Hockey League announced a partnership with Rock and Wrap It Up! to fight hunger and prevent waste across North America. The League is the first to have all Member Clubs committed to such an initiative. As of May 15, the 30 NHL Clubs have provided 160,000 meals to local shelters while keeping nearly 105 tons of food waste from landfills.