

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ("MDAR") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF A GENERAL HEARING, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C.30A, § 2 and 950 CMR 20.04, which require the Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources to hold a public hearing to amend the following regulation: 333 CMR 13.00, Standards, Requirements and Procedures for Application of Pesticides ("Regulation"). The purpose of this Regulation is to set forth standards for the applications of pesticides using particular methods (aircraft, subsurface termiticides) and in certain settings (indoor, residential, school, day care and child care program property). The Regulation ensures the protection of the public health and prevents potential adverse impacts to the environment. The Regulation also includes the manner in which the public may request an exclusion from the wide area application of pesticides.

The Department is proposing to amend the process set forth in the Regulation at 13.03, which sets forth the right of a person living on or legally in control of property to request an exclusion from wide area applications of pesticides and mosquito control applications of pesticides approved by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board. The Department is proposing amendments to ensure that the public has an opportunity to request an exclusion from wide area pesticide applications throughout the calendar year in a more direct manner that reflects the current applications of pesticides and mosquito control operations in the Commonwealth.

All persons desiring to provide oral testimony are hereby notified to appear upon the following date and time at the respective designated location:

DFW's Field Headquarters, Richard Cronin Building, Northeast Meeting Room, #110, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA, September 12, 2016, for a public hearing to be held from 10:00 A.M-12:00 P.M.

In addition to oral testimony, written comments will be accepted before and at the Hearing. MDAR will continue to accept written comments until September 12, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. Written comments should be addressed to Taryn LaScola, Director of the Division of Crop and Pest Services, Department of Agricultural Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114.

The full text of the regulations and background information is available at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/proposed-amendments-to-regulations.html>. A hard copy of the full text of the regulation and background information are also available upon written request made to at the address set forth above.

By: John Lebeaux, Commissioner