



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

# Department of Environmental Protection

One Winter Street Boston, MA 02108 • 617-292-5500

Charles D. Baker  
Governor

Karyn E. Polito  
Lieutenant Governor

Kathleen A. Theoharides  
Secretary

Martin Suuberg  
Commissioner

June 14, 2021

Annual PWS Compliance Report  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
WJCB-South 7112A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460  
Attn: Raquel Taveras

Dear Ms. Taveras,

Attached please find the Calendar Year 2020 Annual PWS Compliance Report (ACR) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection, Drinking Water Program (MassDEP/DWP).

The Massachusetts drinking water regulations differ from the federal regulations for three contaminants:

- Perchlorate – where a state Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and monitoring requirements exist,
- Ethylene dibromide – where the state MCL of 0.00002 mg/L is more stringent than the federal MCL of 0.00005 mg/L and
- Para-dichlorobenzene – where the state MCL of 0.005 mg/L is more stringent than the federal MCL of 0.075 mg/L.

Our 2020 ACR does not include violations of both the state MCL and monitoring requirements for perchlorate.

No variances or exemptions were issued or were in effect during 2020.

The following terms and abbreviations appear in the ACR:

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – means the maximum permissible level of a contaminant in water which is delivered to any user of a public water system.

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370

MassDEP Website: [www.mass.gov/dep](http://www.mass.gov/dep)

Printed on Recycled Paper

**Monitoring and Reporting Violations** – occur when a PWS fails to properly collect, analyze or report a water quality sample to the MassDEP.

**Other Violation** – Includes consumer confidence report (CCR) violations, public notification requirement violations, state notification violations relating to the total coliform rule, and record keeping related to interim enhanced surface water treatment rule.

**Primacy Agency** – MassDEP has been granted authority by the U.S. EPA to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act in Massachusetts.

**Public Water System (PWS)** - means a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption, through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year. Such term includes any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such a system and used primarily in connection with such system, and any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system.

**Return to Compliance (RTC)** – indicates that a formal record has been reported to the federal Safe Drinking Water Information System reflecting that a violation has been closed. RTC reporting is not required for most violations.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - means a required process, practice, or device intended to reduce the level of a contaminant or other constituent in drinking water. Treatment Techniques are typically promulgated in lieu of a numerical standard such as an MCL.

The ACR is in four parts; State Summary, Detail by Chemical, Detail by Rule, and Detail by PWS. The Detail by PWS lists all PWSs with one or more MCL, MRDL or TT violations (note that the standard SDWIS ACR Details report also includes PWSs that only incurred monitoring violations). The full ACR will be posted on the web at: <https://mass.gov/doc/2020-safe-drinking-water-act-annual-compliance-report>

If you have any questions about this report please contact Andrew Durham at (617) 574-6855 or [Andrew.Durham@mass.gov](mailto:Andrew.Durham@mass.gov).

Sincerely,



Yvette DePeiza  
Program Director  
Drinking Water Program

Attachments

ecc: Denise Springborg, Kevin Reilly, Ken Rota, U.S. EPA Region 1  
DWP regional chiefs, Robert Brown, MassDEP/BWR.

Y:\DWPArchive\BOSTON\EPA-Annual Compliance Report-ACR-MA 2020 Report 6-14-2021