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Title 5 and Watershed Permitting: Revised Notice of New Public Hearings with Extension of Comment Period

A Public Hearing Notice was published in the Massachusetts Register by the Massachusetts Secretary of State on November 11, 2022. Through this revised Notice, MassDEP is providing an extension of the comment period until 5 p.m. on January 30, 2023

This Revised Notice of Public Hearings with Extension of Written Comment Period is available in alternative languages (Español -- Tiếng Việt -- Chinese -- Kreyòl Ayisyen -- Português -- Khmer) on MassDEP's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is proposing to amend the State Environmental Code, Title 5, 310 CMR 15.000, and promulgate new regulations, titled Watershed Permit Regulations, at 314 CMR 21.00, pursuant to its authority at M.G.L. c. 21A § 13, G.L. c. 21 § 27, and Section 2A of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 2014. MassDEP is proposing to amend the Title 5 regulations to enhance protection of embayments and estuaries—particularly on Cape Cod, the Islands and Southeastern Massachusetts—from nitrogen pollution originating primarily from wastewater. MassDEP's proposed regulations at 314 CMR 21.00 provide a watershed permitting approach to control nitrogen and other pollutants from entering the embayments and estuaries. The proposed amendments and regulations are available on MassDEP's website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>

<https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-15000-septic-systems-title-5>

<https://www.mass.gov/regulations/314-CMR-2100-watershed-permit-regulations>

Public Comments and Hearings

MassDEP conducted three public hearings: **November 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**; **December 1, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**; **December 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** The recordings are available on MassDEP's YouTube channel and website at <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-15000-septic-systems-title-5>

Extension of Comment Period and Additional Public Hearings:

THE COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 5:00 P.M. on January 30, 2023.

This information is available in alternate format. Please contact Melixza Esenyie at 617-626-1282.

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MassDEP Website: www.mass.gov/dep

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MassDEP will conduct two additional public hearings:

Remote Only, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Register for remote session at:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_veLVS545RCqGZhl6tuN2rQ

Remote Only, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Register for remote session at:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Is2pAS_cR_uXvNhhs5r3oQ

Oral Comments will be accepted at these hearings.

All submitted written comments must include the name and contact information of the person providing the comments. Please submit comments by e-mail to dep.talks@mass.gov and include *Title 5 & Watershed Permit* in the subject line. Written comments may also be submitted by mail and should be sent to MassDEP, Bureau of Water Resources – Division of Watershed Management, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114, Attention: Title 5 & Watershed Permit.

MassDEP provides some language access interpreter/translation services to limited English proficient individuals free of charge. If you need an interpreter to participate in this meeting, services can be found at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-language-translation-assistance>. MassDEP intends to provide some Spanish, Portuguese, and Cape Verdean Creole interpretive services at the public hearings. Please provide 72 hours advance notice if additional translation services are requested.

This information is available in alternate format upon request.

By Order of the Department of Environmental Protection

Martin Suuberg, Commissioner