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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will hold a public hearing on emergency regulations that amended 310 CMR 19.000, Solid Waste Regulations, pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 150A. The emergency regulations went into effect on March 30, 2022 and revised the special waste section in 310 CMR 19.061. The changes allow MassDEP, in the event of an outbreak of infectious disease in animals (such as avian influenza), and an order from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources regarding the destruction or disposal of diseased domestic animals or an order from the Division of Fish and Wildlife regarding the destruction or disposal of diseased wild animals, to approve, in writing, after consultation with the Department of Public Health, a combustion facility or an ash landfill to accept infectious bird or animal carcasses and other associated waste materials without the facility needing to go through the presumptive approval process otherwise required by the regulation. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, MassDEP is providing a public hearing and public comment period on the emergency regulations, which may be modified after public hearing and comment.

The emergency regulations and background information are available on MassDEP's web site at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>. Pursuant to the provisions for adequate alternative public access to agency hearings set forth in Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, and Governor Charles D. Baker's COVID Executive Order No. 1 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, which was extended by COVID Executive Order No. 69, public hearings will be conducted online and via telephone. The date of and registration information for the public hearing is:

May 10, 2022 at 10:00 am (EST)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAvfuuvpz0oHNaW_sdz6tGA9U6W-ROrR5on

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Testimony may be presented orally and/or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on May 20, 2022. Written comments must be submitted by email to John Fischer at john.fischer@mass.gov or by mail to John Fischer, MassDEP, Bureau of Air and Waste, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

By order of the Department.
Martin Suuberg, Commissioner