NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under its authority pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111, § 160, is proposing amendments to 310 CMR 22.00, Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. The proposed new regulation establishes a Total Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 20 ppt for six PFAS contaminants: perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), and perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA).

Five public hearings will be held under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A on the following dates and locations to receive comments on the proposed changes. Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the public hearings.

Thursday, January 23, 2020 – Springfield, MA
Public Hearing: 1:00 p.m.
MassDEP’s Western Regional Office
436 Dwight Street, (413) 784-1100

Friday, January 24, 2020 – Boston, MA
Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m.
MassDEP’s Boston Headquarters
One Winter Street, (617) 292-5500

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – Lakeville, MA
Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m.
MassDEP’s Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive, (508) 946-2700

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – Wilmington, MA
Public Hearing: 1:00 p.m.
MassDEP’s Northeast Regional Office
205 Lowell Street, (978) 694-3200

Friday, January 31, 2020 – Worcester, MA
Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m.
MassDEP’s Central Regional Office

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-6751.
TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370
MassDEP Website: www.mass.gov/dep
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Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020. The Department strongly encourages electronic filing. Please submit written by e-mail to program.director-dwp@mass.gov and include PFAS MCL Comments in the subject line. In lieu of electronic submittal, please send a paper copy to Attn: PFAS MCL Comment, MassDEP, Drinking Water Program, 1 Winter St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. All comments submitted must include the name and contact information of the person providing the comments.

Copies of the proposed regulations will be made available on MassDEP’s website at: https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-22-the-massachusetts-drinking-water-regulations.

For special accommodations for these hearings, please call the MassDEP Diversity Office at 617-292-5751. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request.

By Order of the Department

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Martin Suiberg, Commissioner