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## Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, the **MA Department of Environmental Protection** (MassDEP) is proposing to amend the **Water Resources Management Program Regulations** (310 CMR 36.00) promulgated under the Massachusetts Water Management Act (M.G.L. c. 21G). The proposed amendments would add a condition to Water Management Registrations restricting nonessential outdoor water use by registrants during times of drought declared by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This will better align water use with the 2019 Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, and will ensure adequate water for public health, safety and economic stability and promote a balance of water use and natural resource protection during drought.

### **Public Comments and Hearings**

MassDEP will conduct two on-line public hearings.

**Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.** Register in advance at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkf-yupz4jGN0yBZqAV6UE95BYiF4QgDpT>

**Friday, October 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** Register in advance at:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdOGsqzlpGtDBSqOCdhU\\_8gy9ShmaYa0v](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdOGsqzlpGtDBSqOCdhU_8gy9ShmaYa0v)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Comments on the proposed revisions may be presented orally at the public hearing.

**Written comment will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2022.** All comments submitted must include the name and contact information of the person providing the comment. Please submit comment by e-mail to [dep.talks@mass.gov](mailto:dep.talks@mass.gov) and include *WMA Regulations* in the subject line. In lieu of electronic submission, mail comment to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Water Management Program, One Winter Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Boston, MA 02108, Attention: WMA Regulations.

The proposed regulations are available at: [www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/). All comments previously filed in July 2021 are available at [310 CMR 36.00: Massachusetts Water Resources Management Program | Mass.gov](#). Comments submitted in 2021 do not need to be resubmitted.

For special accommodations for this hearing, 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.

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By Order of the Department

Martin Suuberg, Commissioner