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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21A, §§ 2 and 8, M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 2C, and 142A through 142D, is proposing to amend 310 CMR 7.00 Appendix C *Operating Permit and Compliance Program* to remove the “emergency” affirmative defense provisions, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). MassDEP will submit final amendments to EPA for approval into MassDEP’s Operating Permit State Plan. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, MassDEP will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments online and via telephone:

Tuesday September 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT)

Register in advance for this hearing:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

Tuesday September 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (EDT)

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The proposed amendments and background information are available on MassDEP’s web site at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>.

Please join the public hearing from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can also dial in using your phone. Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing, or written comments may be submitted until 5:00 PM on Friday, October 10, 2025. Written comments must be submitted by email to Laura Warren at [Laura.L.Warren@mass.gov](mailto:Laura.L.Warren@mass.gov) or by mail to Laura Warren, MassDEP, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114.

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