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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 142A – E, will hold a public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A on the proposed regulation 310 CMR 7.76 *Prohibitions on Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons in Refrigeration, Chillers, Aerosol Propellants, and Foam End-Uses*. The proposed regulation prohibits the use of certain hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in refrigeration equipment, air conditioning chillers, aerosol propellants, and foams that are manufactured or used in Massachusetts. Prohibited use would include selling, leasing, renting, offering for sale, installing or manufacturing HFC-containing products and equipment in specific end uses. Prohibitions phase in over the time period from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2024 based on the end-use sector. The proposed regulation requires manufacturers of applicable equipment to provide a disclosure statement to end-users and to maintain records for five years.

The proposed regulation and a background document are available on MassDEP's website at: www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/. Per Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20 signed and dated March 12, 2020, these public hearings will be conducted via remote conference call and will be open to the public. The dates and call-in information for the public hearings are as follows:

October 23, 2020 10:00 AM (EDT)

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Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing. MassDEP will accept written comments until 5:00 PM on November 3, 2020. Written comments must be submitted by email to climate.strategies@mass.gov or by mail to: Emily Lamb, MassDEP, One Winter Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

By Order of the Department
Martin Suuberg
Commissioner