



# MassDEP

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Environmental Protection

## **Toxics Use Reduction Planning & Reporting Guidance During State of Emergency for COVID-19 Pandemic**

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is amending its April 28, 2020 Toxics Use Reduction Planning and Reporting Guidance During the State of Emergency for COVID-10 Pandemic (Amended Guidance). Effective on July 22, 2020, MassDEP is implementing the following Amended Guidance resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and pertaining to Toxics Use Reduction Planning and Reporting.

- **MassDEP will treat as timely any 2019 Toxics Use Reduction Plan Summary and Report that is filed up to 120 days after the original July 1 deadline with a due date of November 1, 2020.**

MassDEP will coordinate with other agencies in situations where MassDEP shares jurisdiction over a regulated entity's environmental compliance obligations. MassDEP will update this Guidance if MassDEP determines modifications are necessary. All other toxics use reduction requirements under M.G.L. c. 211 and 310 CMR 50.000 are in effect and shall be complied with except for requirements extended under separate Guidance. MassDEP expects that all regulated entities will continue to operate in a manner that is safe and protects the public and the environment. This document does not constitute "final agency action," and is not "regulation" as that term is used in M.G.L. c.30A. It may not be relied upon to create rights, duties, obligations or defenses, implied or otherwise, enforceable by any party in any administrative proceeding with the Commonwealth. In addition, this Guidance does not exempt any person from complying with any other applicable local, state or federal law.

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