

Environmental Justice (EJ) Fact Sheet: Eastern Packaging, Inc.

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Overview of Eastern Packaging, Inc.

Eastern Packaging, Inc. (Eastern Packaging), is a plastic packaging manufacturing and printing company located at 283 Lowell Street, Lawrence, MA. The Eastern Packaging Facility provides and offers their clients polyethylene, polypropylene and cellophane packaging and printing services.

Eastern Packaging currently operates under MassDEP Air Permit Plan Approval MBR-05-IND-014 issued June 9, 2006. This approval was for operation of an 8-color printing press that uses volatile organic compound (VOC)-based ink and a 6-color press that uses water-based ink. The VOC emissions from the printing press are captured in a permanent enclosure and are vented to a catalytic oxidizer, which helps reduce emissions from the facility.

Compliance History and Air Permit Application Information

The Facility was issued an amended Administrative Consent Order with Penalty (ACOP) on March 11, 2025. This was issued due to the installation of a 10-color press to replace their 8-color press without a MassDEP plan approval in January 2023.

The ACOP requires the submittal of this MassDEP Air Quality Permit non-major comprehensive plan approval (nmCPA) application to address the installation of the 10-color press. The facility is subject to the Massachusetts Air Pollution Control Regulations (310 CMR 7.00).

MassDEP Review and Public Involvement

MassDEP is currently reviewing this permit application. After completing its review, MassDEP will issue a proposed decision to approve or deny the permit application and will provide a 30-day public comment period on its proposed decision. The permit application is currently available for public review via the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal:

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/>

If you would like to provide a comment when the public comment period is open, please see the following instructions: Open the main EEA ePLACE Portal page listed above. To search for the specific application, click on the **orange** “Search and/or Comment” button, then click on the name of the applicant/facility on the resulting page. If you would like to be notified of the proposed decision and the public comment period, please contact the MassDEP Northeast Region’s Air Quality Permit Chief at Edward.Braczyk@Mass.gov.

Environmental Justice (EJ) Populations



The above MassDEP’s EJ Map Viewer image shows the relation of this facility location to the nearby Environmental Justice (EJ) Populations. The EJ populations located within one mile of the facility are based on the EJ criteria of minority, income, and English isolation.

EJ Communities were located using the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) interactive mapping system: [Environmental Justice Populations in Massachusetts \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com). For more information on EJ, please see the MassDEP EJ Overview Fact Sheet (attached in this email).

Contact information for questions pertaining to Environmental Justice involvement:
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