



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection – Drinking Water Program (Water Supply)

BRP WS 35A & B Permit to Install Vending Machine or Point-of-Use/Point-of-Entry Treatment Device at Ten or More Locations on One Distribution System

Instructions and Supporting Materials

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Introduction

MassDEP *Instructions & Support Materials* are available for download from the MassDEP Web site at www.mass.gov/dep in two file formats: Microsoft Word™ and Adobe Acrobat PDF™. Either format allows documents to be printed.

Instructions & Support Materials provide guidance on how to prepare a permit application.

The supporting documents for these permit applications, and the fee payment (if applicable) must now be submitted through the [ePLACE Portal](#). See ePLACE step-by-step instructions on the mass.gov page for this application.



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Permit Fact Sheet

1. What is the purpose of this permit?

This permit serves to protect the public's health and welfare through the control of any product or operation that comes into contact with public drinking water. These products and operations must be controlled to prevent contaminants from leaking into the drinking water as well as to ensure that the products and operations work as designed. This permit consists of an approval for the installation of one type of MassDEP approved vending machine or point-of-use (POU) treatment device or point-of-entry (POE) treatment device at 10 or more locations on the same distribution system. Legislative authority for this permit is stated in MGL Chapter 111, Section 160A. The Regulatory authority for this permit is stated in 310 CMR 22.04 and 310 CMR 22.23 of the Drinking Water Regulations.

2. Who must apply?

Public Water Systems (PWS), facility owners, manufacturers or their designated representatives seeking approval for the installation of one type of vending Machine or POU/POE treatment device at 10 or more locations on the same distribution system. If less than 10 vending machines or POU/POE devices are to be installed on a distribution system, see application BRP WS30. POE devices that are installed solely to enhance the aesthetic quality of the drinking water, and meet the minimum requirements detailed in 310 CMR 22.23 (6), are not required to apply for this permit

3. What other requirements should be considered when applying for this permit?

In addition to this permit, it may also be necessary to apply for other Mass DEP water treatment permits, e.g. BRP WS 09, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, or 34.

Note: These additional requirements are intended to serve as a guide to the applicant. They do not necessarily include all additional requirements.

4. What is the application fee?

The fee structure associated with this approval is stated in 310 CMR 4.10(5)(ii)(1).

The application fee for BRP WS 35A (for vending machine) is \$1,630.
The application fee for BRP WS 35B (for POU/POE device) is \$1,630.

5. Where should the application be sent?

The application must be submitted through ePLACE, located here: <https://eplace.eea.mass.gov/citizenaccess>

Additional visual ePLACE step-by-step instructions to assist in submitting your application are available at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/ws-35-permit-to-install-multiple-vending-machines>

- Log into the ePLACE Portal at: <https://eplace.eea.mass.gov/citizenaccess> and create an account.
- Once logged in, click on the large blue button on the right, "File an Online Application".
- Read and agree to the disclaimer. Click "Continue".
- To find this application, click on "Apply for DEP Authorization – Drinking Water (DW)", and check on WS 35, and click "Continue Application".
- Follow instructions on each screen and click "Continue Application" to move to the next step. The WS 35 supporting forms are to be attached in the Documents section.



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- Note that you can return to an application provided you select “Save and Return Later”. Once you submit an application you can no longer upload documents without approval from MassDEP personnel.
- At the end of the application steps, the ePLACE system will take you directly to a screen where you can pay the fee, if applicable. Complete payment information in ePLACE.
- Once an application has been submitted, you will receive an email that will provide you the record number.
- From the “My Records” button, you will be able to view the status of your application through the review and approval processes.

Important Contacts

- For technical assistance regarding online filing, contact the ePLACE Help Desk Team at 844-733-7522 or ePLACE_helpdesk@mass.gov.
- To see a copy of your application after submittal, also see: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp>.

6. Where can I get a copy of the timelines?

The timelines are available on the MassDEP Website: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/massdep-fees-timelines>

7. What is the annual compliance fee?

Currently, there is no annual compliance assurance fee for this permit.

8. How long is this permit in effect?

This permit is in effect as long as the applicant remains in compliance with appropriate laws and regulations and the Mass DEP determines that the product or operations continue to protect the public health and welfare.

9. How can I avoid the most common mistakes made in applying for this permit?

- a. Review the instructions and Application Completeness Checklist for this application package.
- b. Submit the documents required for this application and pay fee (if applicable) through ePLACE, <https://eplace.eea.mass.gov/citizenaccess>.

10. What are the regulations that apply to this permit? Where can I get copies?

These regulations include, but are not limited to:

- a. Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.00.
- b. Timely Action and Fee Provisions, 310 CMR 4.00.
- c. Administrative Penalty Regulations, 310 CMR 5.00.

These may be purchased at:

State House Bookstore
Room 116
Boston, MA 02133
617-727-2834

State House West Bookstore
436 Dwight Street
Springfield, MA 01103
413-784-1376



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Application Completeness Checklist

The following should be submitted through ePLACE:

- A cover letter explaining the request;
- Approval letter from Massachusetts Board of Plumbers and Gas Fitters, if required for unit;
- Approval letter from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for Vending Machine or POU/POE Model;
- Cleaning and maintenance schedule; and,
- Identification of certified operator for system.

To submit the application package:

- Submit the application and documents listed above through ePLACE, <https://eplace.eea.mass.gov/citizenaccess>
- Pay fee: \$1,630 (if applicable)

You can pay online in ePLACE or pay by mail in the form of a check or money order made payable to *Commonwealth of Massachusetts* (please follow email instructions provided to you once your application is submitted).