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Dear Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage Stakeholders:

MassDEP is resuming its consideration of changes to the Wetlands Regulations to address Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage ("LSCSF"). MassDEP has previously benefitted from the thoughtful input of an advisory group. Since our last discussions, some important progress has been made. Revisions of floodplain delineation and adoption of Letters of Map Revision by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to more clearly identify Coastal A Zones have occurred.

With this and other recently formulated information, we have developed draft proposed amendments to the Wetlands Regulations which we believe are consistent with our earlier discussions (please see attachment). We are inviting you to participate and offer your views on the regulatory approaches under consideration. The group will consist of approximately eighteen individuals, consisting of technical experts and representatives of state agencies, the building industry, and municipalities. This letter is a formal invitation for you to serve as a member or to appoint someone from your organization to serve on your behalf.

As a reminder, the objective of the advisory work group will be to utilize the group's input and current research literature to help develop a framework and assessment of interests implicated by this MassDEP initiative, including the impacts of climate change.

MassDEP values your input and appreciates your consideration of joining us in this endeavor. Please confirm your participation by May 1, 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone (617-574-6882) or email (lealdon.langley@state.ma.us) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Lealdon Langley, Director
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