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Dear Prospective Member of MassDEP Advisory Group:

MassDEP is launching an initiative to revise the Wetlands Regulations to address current and expected climate change impacts for Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage ("LSCSF"). As you know, LSCSF is the land subject to any inundation caused by coastal storms up to and including that caused by the 100-year storm, surge of record, or storm of record, whichever is greater, 310 CMR 10.04. The existing regulations do not contain any performance standards for LSCSF.

Our initiative will begin by convening an advisory work group of approximately fifteen 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.

The objective of the advisory work group will be to utilize the group's input and current research literature to help: (1) define the policy problems that arise at the intersection of climate change and LSCSF, (2) develop a framework and assessment of interests implicated by this MassDEP initiative, and (3) identify potential means to address those interests in the LSCSF regulations. I expect the group will meet on no more than five occasions over the next three months. MassDEP will also consult with other experts or industry representatives as necessary. MassDEP intends to draft and issue regulations for public comment and then publish the final regulations.

MassDEP values your input and appreciates your consideration of joining us in this endeavor. Please let me know by February 26, 2014 whether you will be available to contribute your time and expertise to this important project. Please do not hesitate contacting me via telephone (617-574-6882) or email (lealdon.langley@state.ma.us) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Lealdon Langley
Wetlands Program Director

MassDEP Wetlands Program Climate Change Adaptation and
Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage Regulation Development
External Advisory Group Membership

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- a. Lealdon Langley, Wetlands Program Director
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