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Dear Invited PFAS MCL Stakeholder Group member,

As you may be aware, in January 2019, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced its intention to initiate the process to develop a drinking water standard, known as a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), for a group of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). Information about this decision, along with other actions the agency is taking relative to PFAS, can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/pfas-petition-and-stakeholder-engagement>.

As in all regulatory development, MassDEP is bound to follow all applicable statutes, rules and executive orders. In addition, the Department is committed to soliciting stakeholder input ahead of and in addition to the public comment period that accompanies all proposed regulations.

As part of our commitment to engagement, MassDEP's Drinking Water Program (DWP) is convening a stakeholder group on certain aspects of the PFAS MCL development. **We would like to invite you to be a member of this group.** The scope of effort for this group will be to attend two or more (as needed) face-to-face meetings at which DWP will present the typical process and structure used for drafting and promulgating a PFAS MCL rule. Participants will be asked to offer input about various aspects of this regulation including:

- Applicability (Community, Non-transient, Non-community and Transient Non-community public water systems including variations based on system size and source type);
- Monitoring requirements (routine, increased, reduced and the availability of monitoring waivers);
- Methodology for compliance calculations;
- Reporting requirements;
- Laboratory requirements;
- Best Available Technology.

For stakeholder group members, familiarity with the Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.00, would be instructive. The current regulations are available at

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<https://www.mass.gov/doc/310-cmr-2200-the-massachusetts-drinking-water-regulations>. Sections of interest for this effort will include: 22.07A Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOC) Sampling and Analytical Requirements - as an example of a similar rule; 22.15 General Reporting Requirements; 22.16 Public Notification Requirements; and 22.16A Consumer Confidence Reporting Requirements.

A list of the organizations that have been invited to have a representative on this PFAS MCL Stakeholder Group is attached. These stakeholder meetings will be open to the public. MassDEP will notify a wide range of interested parties about these stakeholder meetings, and any interested party will be invited to attend. MassDEP also hopes to live-stream the stakeholder meetings to accommodate people unable to attend the meetings in person. At each meeting, there will be opportunity for input from the core stakeholder group as well as from other observers. All information on the PFAS MCL development stakeholder meetings will be made available for reference at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/pfas-petition-and-stakeholder-engagement>.

The first meeting of the MassDEP DWP PFAS MCL stakeholder group will be Thursday, April 11, 2019, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm in the MassDEP Office at 1 Winter Street, 2nd Floor, Boston MA 02108. If you have questions about this group please contact Margaret Finn at (617) 292-5746 or program.director-dwp@mass.gov, Subject PFAS MCL Invited Stakeholder.

Please respond to this invitation by letting us know if you accept our invitation or provide us with the name of your organization's representative, no later than Wednesday, March 27, 2019, by replying to this email or emailing us at program.director-dwp@mass.gov, Subject PFAS Invited Stakeholder. Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: PFAS MCL Invited Stakeholder Group List