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To whom it may concern:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c. 21A, section 16, M.G.L. c. 111, sections 2C, 142A through 142E, and M.G.L. c. 21N, sections 2, 3(c), has promulgated amendments to 310 CMR 7.71: *Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions*. The amendments to 310 CMR 7.71 (1) implement registration and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reporting requirements for companies selling and distributing heating fuels to homes and businesses in Massachusetts, including suppliers of natural gas, fuel oil, and propane, and (2) implement a reporting requirement for fuel storage facilities.

The text of the final amendments and other supporting documents are available on MassDEP's webpage: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/heating-fuels-emissions-reporting-regulation>, or scan the QR Code to the right.

The webpage also includes a link to the Massachusetts Clean Heat and Emissions Tracking System (CHETS), a new electronic reporting platform that will be used for compliance with the new regulatory requirements.

Please bookmark this MassDEP webpage so that you can refer to it when needed.



Requirements for Heating Fuel Suppliers

The final regulation includes a requirement for heating fuel suppliers and fuel storage facilities to register by December 1, 2024. MassDEP is deferring this deadline, and registrations for heating fuel suppliers will be treated as on time if they are completed by January 31, 2025. Heating fuel suppliers are encouraged to register at their earliest convenience to ensure that they receive email updates and information regarding implementation of the quarterly emissions reporting requirements and related recordkeeping requirements that take effect on January 1, 2025. The registration must be completed in CHETS.

This information is available in alternate format. Please contact MassDEP at 617-292-5500.

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Beginning with the period of January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025, heating fuel suppliers will be required to submit a quarterly emissions report based on the amount and type of heating fuel supplied to locations in Massachusetts. The CO₂ emissions data report shall be submitted no later than the last day of the month following the quarter covered by the report (for example, the report covering January, February, and March shall be submitted by the last day of April). MassDEP will provide additional information and assistance on emissions reporting to registered heating fuel suppliers early in 2025, well in advance of the reporting deadline.

What will I need to register?

The owners and operators of each heating fuel supplier must designate an individual to serve as the “designated representative.” The regulation requires that the designated representative be a person *who is authorized by the owners and operators of a heating fuel supplier or heating fuel storage facility to represent and legally bind the owners and operators in matters pertaining to 310 CMR 7.71(5)*. The designated representative is legally responsible for registering the heating fuel supplier, keeping information updated, and submitting the quarterly CO₂ emissions data reports. Once registered, the designated representative may delegate others to complete these tasks on their behalf.

To complete the initial registration process the designated representative will need their email address, access to a telephone, and the following information:

- Legal name of the heating fuel supplier. The legal name is the name normally used to interact with governments agencies. If there is a different operating name or parent organization this must also be reported. Multiple operating names may be entered separated by semicolons.
- FEIN of the heating fuel supplier. The is the identification number used in tax and payroll records.
- Address of the heating fuel supplier. If there are multiple locations, enter the primary business address.

MassDEP intends to require submission of additional information, such as information about fuel delivery vehicles and storage tanks at a later date, pursuant to 310 CMR 7.71(5)(a)3.b.iv. and v.

Requirements for Heating Fuel Storage Facilities

Heating fuel storage facilities must complete their registration by December 1, 2024. MassDEP is deferring this deadline, and the registration for heating fuel storage facilities will be treated as on time if the registration is submitted by January 31, 2025. Heating fuel storage facilities are encouraged to submit their registration at their earliest convenience to ensure that they receive email updates and information regarding implementation of the monthly fuel shipment data reports and related recordkeeping requirements that take effect on January 1, 2025. A copy of the registration form can be found on the Heating Fuels Emissions Reporting Regulation webpage. The completed form can be emailed to dep.chets@mass.gov.