

Subject: Environmental Justice Council – In-Person with a Virtual Option Meeting – March 13, 2025

Dear Environmental Justice Stakeholder,

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is convening the Environmental Justice Council (EJC) for its next meeting on **Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm**. Council members will have a discussion about the Eversource geothermal project and rates 101. Some time will be allotted during the meeting for general comments from the public.

Please register for the meeting using this link:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_tkTW5TRURDSWghz1zbBUdw

Logistics. This hybrid meeting will be hosted both virtually on Zoom and in person in Framingham, MA, at the Framingham Public Library, Framingham, in the Costin Room of the Main Library. The meeting is estimated to last 90 minutes. The address is 49 Lexington St. Framingham, MA 01702 and the building is accessible using the 2, 7, 3, and 4N bus lines. The venue is also accessible via the Commuter Rail Framingham MBTA station. The closest bus stop is at Lincoln St and Pearl St. Parking is available in the library parking lot.

Interpretation Support. Interpretation will be provided in-person in Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese. Virtual interpretation will include Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, and American Sign Language (ASL). If you require interpretation in a language not stated above, or any additional accommodations, please include that request in an email to meetings@erg.com. Requests must be submitted 48 hours prior to meeting start time. To get this information in English large print or Braille, call 1-877-623-6765. TTY: 1877-623-7773.

Open Meeting Law. The EJ Council operates under the Open Meeting Law [<https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>] and welcomes members of the public who wish to observe its formal meetings. During the meeting, an observer may address a comment or question to the EJ Council with permission of the Chair.

More Information About the EJC: The EJC is appointed by the Governor to advise and provide recommendations to the Secretary of EEA on relevant policies and standards to achieve environmental justice principles. Such principles are defined by state law as “principles that support protection from environmental pollution and the ability to live in and enjoy a clean and healthy environment, regardless of race, color, income, class, handicap, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity or ancestry, religious belief or English language proficiency, which include: (i) the meaningful involvement of all people with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies, including climate change policies; and (ii) the equitable distribution of energy and environmental benefits and environmental burdens.” The law is stated at Section 62L at this link: [<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2021/Chapter8>].

Additional information about the EJC, future meeting agendas, and past meeting recordings can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/environmental-justice-council>. Please click “Select Language” on the top right of the webpage to translate the page.

Thank you,

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