

# Regulatory Reform at MassDEP: Approving Final Regulations

Water r Resources Commission November 14, 2013

# Purpose and Principles

The purpose of the Regulatory Reform Initiative is to streamline the permitting process and maintain MassDEP's high standards of environmental Protection in a constrained budgetary environment.

Changes were proposed in ten water related programs.



### Themes in BRP reforms

- Eliminate duplicative approvals, consolidate others
- Retain public process & appeal opportunities
- Create incentives for better environmental outcomes
- Provide alternative oversight methods and tools with third party involvement
- Streamline permitting mechanisms





## Ready for Promulgation



### Land Application of Wastewater Residuals

- Added presumptive renewal provision for highest quality material (Type I)
- Extended maximum term from 3 years to 5.

No significant public comments received. No significant changes made.



### Surface Water Quality Standards

- Site specific water quality criteria for copper and zinc in 12 stream segments.
- New criteria based on local conditions and water quality (not default national standard).

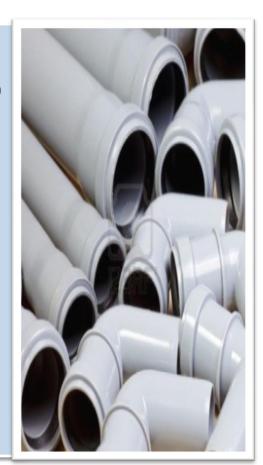
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## Also Ready for Promulgation

### Certified Operator Regulations (257 CMR 2.00)

- Exempt required certified operators where neutralization is the only treatment;
- Eliminate the requirement that neutralization take place in batches of 2 liters or less.

No significant public comments received. No significant changes made.





# Approval Required from the Water Resources Commission





### Final Rules Under Review at EEA



#### Title 5 (septic systems)

- Eliminate duplicative approvals
- Allow MassDEP to engage a third party to evaluate innovative and alternative on – site technologies
- Change will allow publicly owned <u>seasonal</u> tight tanks



# Permitting Procedures: Surface, Ground, Sewer, and Reclaimed Water Permits

- Conform state and federal notice proceedings for surface water
- Eliminate newspaper publication of surface water draft permits
- Provide public notice on EPA and MassDEP websites
- Draft groundwater, sewer, reclaimed water permits available in Environmental Monitor
- Online access to all supporting documents for draft permits

### Additional Packages to Expect Soon

### For Your Approval:

- Sewer Connection & Extension Permitting (314 CMR 7)
- Operation & Maintenance & Pretreatment Standards for Wastewater Treatment Works & Indirect Dischargers (314 CMR 12)
- Water Quality Certification (314 CMR9)

#### For Your Information:

- Chapter 91 (FYI)
- Wetlands (FYI)





