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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, in conjunction with the Department of Labor Standards (DLS), will hold a public hearing on proposed asbestos regulations: The Removal, Containment, Maintenance, or Encapsulation of Asbestos 454 CMR 28.00.

The purpose of these regulations is intended to enhance the readability, compliance and understanding for the under educated individuals, immigrants where English is their second language, the industry, and our agency. These new regulations will promote more efficient accountability by individuals and businesses while increasing DLS's oversight abilities. The regulation will also smooth compliance with overlapping state and federal laws.

*The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. and attendance shall be by live video and or telephonic access.** This is the information for accessing the meeting:*

*Hearing - Asbestos Regulations Revision  
Hosted by Michael Flanagan*

*Wednesday, Oct 21, 2020 10:00 am / 2 hours / (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)*

*Meeting number: 161 795 6237*

*Password: DLS1Asbestos*

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*Access code: 161 795 6237*

The Department encourages all interested parties, including those who testify at the public hearing, to submit written testimony electronically to [dlsFeedback@state.ma.us](mailto:dlsFeedback@state.ma.us). Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document and type the regulation number (454 CMR 28.00) and name of the regulation (The Removal, Containment, Maintenance, or Encapsulation of Asbestos 454 CMR 28.00) in the subject line of the email. All submitted testimony must include the sender's full name and address. The Department will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Labor Standards, 19 Staniford Street, Second Floor, Boston, MA 02114. All written or oral comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records. All written testimony must be received by **Thursday, October 23, 2020 at 5:00pm.**

*A copy of the proposed Regulations may be viewed on the Government's website or obtained from the Office of the General Counsel at [john.ronan@mass.gov](mailto:john.ronan@mass.gov).*