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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) hereby gives notice that it is holding a public comment period on an addendum to the *Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Level: 1990 Baseline Update*.

Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2008, the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) requires MassDEP to "...determine the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in calendar year 1990..." as the baseline emissions level against which Massachusetts' future greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions limits will be planned and measured. MassDEP published the *Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Level: 1990 Baseline and 2020 Business as Usual Projection* in July 2009. Recognizing that the science and practice of determining GHG emissions changes rapidly, this document noted that the 1990 Baseline should be reevaluated as needed (e.g., when significant new data becomes available), using a full public review process. By 2016 significant new data had become available, so MassDEP sought public comment and published an updated *Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Level: 1990 Baseline and 2020 Business as Usual Projection Update*. Further significant improvements to data methodologies and underlying data sources resulted in MassDEP proposing in May 2021 to update the 1990 Baseline a second time. Two additional issues involving data sources and methodologies have developed and MassDEP is proposing an addendum to the May 2021 update, as described in the *Addendum to the Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Level: 1990 Baseline Update*.

A public comment period is now open on the *Addendum to the Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Level: 1990 Baseline Update* under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 24, 2022. Written comments must be submitted by e-mail to climate.strategies@mass.gov or by mail to Sue Ann Richardson, MassDEP, One Winter Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. A copy of the addendum is available on MassDEP's website at: www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/.

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