
Comments on Proposed MEPA Amendments (301 CMR 11.00)

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Dear Secretary Tepper and Governor Healey,

I am writing to express my very strong opposition to the proposed amendments to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulations, 301 CMR 11.00. MEPA's environmental review process that major projects are evaluated for their full impacts on air, water, land and communities.

I watched your press conference in dismay. Saying this process needs to be done in 30 days. How can you possibly give a fair review in that time frame.

This plays into the hands of developers and harms the very community's that are supposed to be being helped. Currently there are over 2600 EJC community's in Massachusetts. Many living in an EJC communities work several jobs, are unaware how to navigate bringing their concerns to the correct people. How do you have community outreach in that time period? How are you able to gather evidence about the impact on the community in that time frame?

Clean air and water are basic rights. Once these important resources are harmed , how do you fix that?

I urge you to please protect the environment and the people that need your help the most.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

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