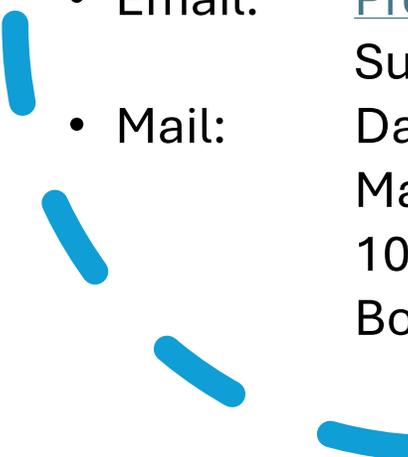


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Proposed Revisions
Drinking Water: 310 CMR 22.00
&
Ground Water Discharge Permit
Program: 314 CMR 5.00

March 10, 2026



310 CMR 22.00 Drinking Water

- Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Primacy Corrections
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Analytical Methods
- Public Notice Delivery Method Addition
- Replacement of the Historically Discriminatory Term “Grandfathered” and its Variants
- Updating Multilingual Requirements
- Water Supply Land Requirements
- Removing URLs
- Clarifications & Housekeeping

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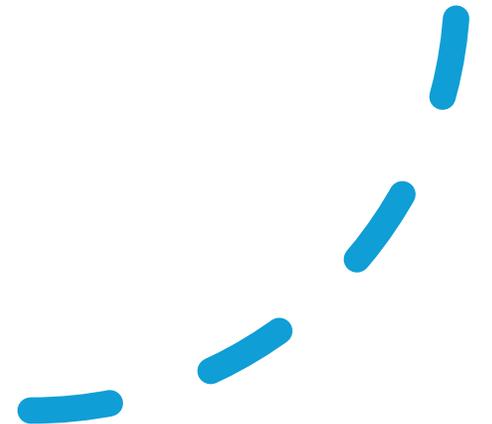
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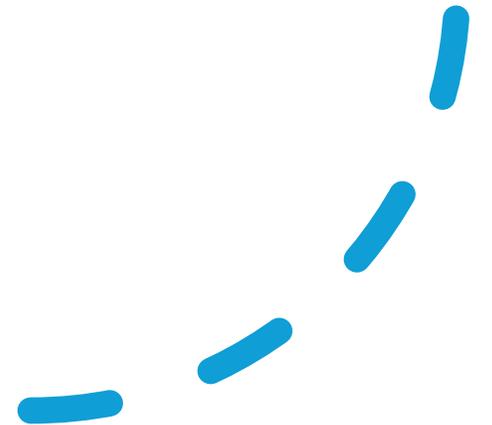
- U.S. EPA's Primacy Review Compares State Rule to Federal Rule
 - State can be no less stringent
- Missing Language
- Citation Corrections
- Table Format Fixes



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PFAS Analytical Methods 22.07G

- Sunset EPA Method 537
- Add EPA Methods 537.1 v. 2.0 and 533



Public Notice 22.16

- Better Meet the Intent of a Tier 1 Notice
 - “...in a form and manner reasonably calculated to reach all Persons served...”
- Electronic Methods
 - Robocall, Email, Text, Social Media, Web
 - Others as Approved
- MassDEP Can Evaluate Practicality on a Case-by-Case Basis
- MassDEP Cannot Replace the Required Federal Delivery Methods
 - Broadcast Media, Posting, Hand Delivery

Multilingual Requirements

- Align Requirements Across the Regulation and with MassDEP Policies
 - 5% Limited English Proficiency Threshold
- Public Education and Consumer Notification within the Lead and Copper Rule 22.06B
- Public Education within the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Rule 22.07G
- Public Notice 22.16
- Consumer Confidence Report 22.16A

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- Existing Process via BRP WS 26: Disposition or Acquisition of Land for Water Supply Purposes
- Definition Added in 22.02
- Once a Zone I is Approved, MassDEP Approval Needed for:
 - Any Change of Activity or Use
 - Selling, Leasing, Assigning or Disposing
- MassDEP Prior Approval for Acquisition of Water Supply Land
 - Cities, Towns and Fire Districts subject to MGL c. 40 s. 38, 39B and 41
 - “advice and approval” of MassDEP or “consent and approval” of MassDEP



314 CMR 5.00
Ground Water
Discharge
Permit Program

- Add an Exempt Activity for Discharges from Wells During:
 - Drilling
 - Pump Testing
 - Purging for the Purpose of Sampling
- Best Management Practices Must be Implemented