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Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will hold a public comment period to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the program review of 310 CMR 7.73: *Reducing Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Distribution Mains and Services* before MassDEP proposes updated regulations.

The regulation at 310 CMR 7.73(9) requires MassDEP to complete a program review, including an opportunity for public comment on the program review, of the requirements of 310 CMR 7.73 to determine whether the program should be amended or extended. The review shall evaluate whether to require the use of feasible technologies to detect and quantify gas leaks, and any other information relevant to the program.

The *310 CMR 7.73 Program Review Proposal* includes questions for stakeholders and information requests for certain local distribution companies. There is also a supporting spreadsheet containing the calculations of the estimated emissions limits in the proposal. These documents are available at: [Reducing Methane \(CH₄\) Emissions from Natural Gas Distribution Mains & Services \(310 CMR 7.73\)](#).

The public comment period for the *310 CMR 7.73 Program Review Proposal* questions and information requests will close on January 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Comments and information may be submitted to climate.strategies@mass.gov.