

## Springfield Cemetery Crematory fact sheet

**Applicant:** Springfield Cemetery  
171 Maple Street  
Springfield, MA

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**Background:** Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has developed a policy to implement a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) which includes enhanced community engagement activities, when certain permits requiring a public comment period are reviewed for projects that are in or near a designated Environmental Justice (EJ) population.

Springfield Cemetery is a private, non-profit organization which operates a cemetery and human crematory located at 171 Maple Street, Springfield. The location has been used as a cemetery since 1841. Cremation services have been performed at Springfield Cemetery since 1910. Springfield Cemetery currently utilizes four crematory units, with two units installed in 1992 and two units installed in 2001.

**Proposed:** Springfield Cemetery is proposing the installation of three new, lower emitting, energy efficient cremation units (Facultative Technology FTIII), which will be located in a new structure adjacent to the existing cremation unit building. The new units will be the primary units used at the facility, displacing the old units. Three of the four older units will remain in place and Springfield Cemetery reports that these will be utilized on a very limited basis. The remaining existing unit will be discontinued.

The existing units will be restricted to only one of the three existing units operating in any given day, for a maximum of four hours. The existing units will only be operated when the new units are unavailable, are unable to handle current capacity, or for certain religious services. Due to the age and limited use of the existing equipment, this installation of modern technology is expected to improve the impacts from the crematory.

The proposed new equipment required the submittal of a Non-Major Comprehensive Plan Application with enhanced public outreach in accordance with MassDEP Environmental Justice Policy. Actual emissions will be reduced since the equipment installed will have to meet Best Available Control Technology (often referred to as "BACT") which requires the lowest emitting equipment and takes into account energy, environmental and economic impacts.

This application will be reviewed by MassDEP staff to verify that the facility is employing Best Available Control Technology. Once Best Available Control Technology has been determined, the review will then determine through modeling whether the facility will meet all requirements and standards regarding emission impacts. If MassDEP finds that the application meets all requirements, it will issue a Draft Plan Approval for public comment.

Instructions on how to find the online application are included on the back of this fact sheet. Go the website listed below. It is the link to review all online permit applications in the state.  
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