Environmental Permitting Policy for Utility Relocations within MassDOT Projects

The purpose of this Engineering Directive is to reiterate that the environmental permits for all MassDOT projects shall include considerations for all utility relocations necessitated by each project.

In accordance to Engineering Directive E-07-002, the project construction plans shall show all proposed utility relocations necessitated by the proposed project. Therefore, all utility relocations identified during the design phase of the project, within and sometimes immediately outside the project limits, shall be considered accessory to the project, and shall therefore be covered by the project’s environmental permits.

However, if the utility owner changes their utility relocation post-design and if the proposed work can not be completed within the permitted area or within the conditions set in the permit(s), the utility owner shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary environmental permits associated with this work.