PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c. 21E, §§ 3(c), 3(d), 3(e), 3A(d), 3A(f), 3A(g), 3A(m), 3B, 5A, 6, 7 and 14, and c. 21A, § 2(28), M.G.L. c. 21C and M.G.L. c. 111, § 160, will hold public hearings in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A on amendments to 310 CMR 40.0000, the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

The purpose of the amendments is to update and clarify existing provisions for the notification, assessment and cleanup of oil and/or hazardous material contamination in the environment to ensure that actions are performed in a timely manner, are appropriately monitored and documented, and achieve of a level of No Significant Risk that is protective of public health and the environment.

The proposals include, but are not limited to: clarification and modification of provisions related to notification, Imminent Hazards, Tier Classification and Extensions, Remedial Additives, Status Reports, Remedial Monitoring Reports, Temporary Solutions, Active Exposure Pathway Mitigation Measures, Exposure Point Concentrations, Activity and Use Limitations, and public involvement; new adequately regulated provisions for disposal sites with Radioactive Materials; updates to Reportable Concentrations (RCs) and numerical cleanup standards (Method 1) for a limited number of chemicals; and the addition of RCs and Method 1 standards for six perfluoralkyl substances—Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxS), Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid (PFHxS), Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA), Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS), Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA) and Perfluorodecanoic Acid (PFDA)—emerging contaminants of concern for exposure in drinking water.

The amendments are available on MassDEP’s website at: https://www.mass.gov/lists/2019-proposed-mcp-revisions

Four public hearings will be held on:

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 9:30 am
MassDEP Western Regional Office
436 Dwight Street
Springfield, MA
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 9:30 am
MassDEP Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA

Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 9:30 am
MassDEP Headquarters
One Winter Street, 2nd Floor conference rooms
Boston, MA

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 9:30 am
MassDEP Central Regional Office
8 New Bond Street
Worcester, MA

Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the public hearings. MassDEP will accept written comments by email or mail until 5:00 PM on Friday, July 19, 2019. Written comments must be submitted by email to bwsc.information@mass.gov or by mail to: Elizabeth Callahan, MassDEP, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108. For special accommodations for these hearings, please call the MassDEP Diversity Office at 617-292-5751. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request.

By Order of the Department

Martin Suuberg
Commissioner