



MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY - PUBLIC NOTICE

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), pursuant to its authority under St. 1984, c.372, §§ 6 and 8, as amended, and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to its Sewer Use Regulations, 360 CMR 10.000. These proposed amendments:

- a) Incorporate changes required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to bring MWRA's Sewer Use Regulations in conformance with EPA's Pretreatment regulations; and
- b) Increase annual charges paid by permit holders.

All persons desiring to provide oral testimony are hereby notified to appear at 10:00 am on Friday, May 3, 2024, at the MWRA, 2 Griffin Way, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150.

MWRA will accept oral and written comments at the hearing. In addition, MWRA will accept written comments until 5:00 pm on Friday, May 10, 2024, by mail or hand delivery to:

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Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Toxic Reduction and Control
2 Griffin Way
Chelsea, MA 02150

or by e-mail to: TRAC@mwra.com.

An electronic copy of the proposed amendments has been posted to MWRA's website: <https://www.mwra.com/trac/2024/proposedamendments.html>. An electronic copy of the proposed amendments may be requested by sending an e-mail to TRAC@mwra.com.

April 12, 2024: Boston Globe and Worcester Telegram and Telegraph
April 12, 2024: Massachusetts Register

Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No: 360 CMR 10.000

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 2,241

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? The proposed amendments will not require additional reporting requirements.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? No additional recordkeeping will be required.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? No additional administration oversight will be required.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? No additional employees will be required in order to comply with the proposed amendment.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? Small businesses will not need to hire any other professionals in order to comply with the proposed amendment.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation? The proposed amendment does not require small businesses to make any additional investments or purchase a product.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.) The regulations use performance standards where appropriate- including for the bulk of the small businesses covered under these regulations. The Authority is required, pursuant to the federal National Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR 403.8) and the Authority's NPDES permits for the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (#MA0103284) and the Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant (#MAG590033) to have regulations in place for our IPP with specific requirements for some industry types.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? No additional duplicate or additional overlap with the proposed regulations.
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? The proposed amendment does require all permitted industries to comply with audits, inspections, and other enforcement activities.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? The proposed amendment does not impose a requirement for additional educational services.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? The proposed amendment is unlikely to affect the formation of new small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? The proposed amendment is unlikely to affect the formation of new small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? The proposed amendment does not change any compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses. Most of the small businesses impacted by these regulations are required to meet performance standards.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? The proposed amendment does not allow for less stringent schedules for deadlines for small businesses. Schedules and deadlines are driven by federal and state requirements and vary by permit type.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? The proposed amendment does not consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting for small businesses. Reporting requirements are dependent on permit type; many small businesses impacted by these regulations are required to meet performance standards.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective? These regulations include performance/operational standards for many business types. Most of the small businesses impacted by these regulations will need to meet specific operational standards according to the type of permit issued.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? There are no alternate regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses related to this proposed regulation.