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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21A, §§ 2 and 8, M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 2C, and 142A through 142D, is proposing to amend 310 CMR 7.02(14) *Cumulative Impact Analysis* to extend the deadline for MassDEP to complete a program review from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2027 to allow MassDEP, permit applicants, and environmental justice populations to gain experience implementing the CIA program before conducting a program review. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, MassDEP will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments online and via telephone:

Tuesday March 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. (EST) - Register in advance for this hearing:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/HtFEWmQXRACKaW4UY1g_yg

6:00 p.m. (EST) - Register in advance for this hearing:

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The proposed amendments and background information are available on the [MassDEP Public Hearings & Comment Opportunities](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities) website.

Please join the public hearing from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can also dial in using your phone. Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing, or written comments may be submitted until 5:00 PM on Friday March 13, 2026. Written comments must be submitted by email to Laura Warren at Laura.L.Warren@mass.gov or by mail to Laura Warren, MassDEP, Bureau of Air and Waste, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114.

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Small Business Impact Statement

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

CMR No: 310 CMR 7.00

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: Unknown

- **Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?**
No. The amendments do not create additional reporting requirements.
- **Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?**
No. The amendments do not create additional recordkeeping requirements.
- **Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?**
No. The amendments will not require additional administrative oversight.
- **Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?**
No. The amendments will not result in the need to hire additional employees.
- **Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?**
No. The amendments will not result in the need to hire other professionals.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?**
No. The amendments will not require the purchase a product or new capital investments.
- **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.)
No. The amendments do not require regulated sources to take any actions.
- **Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?**
No. No other regulations duplicate or conflict with the amendments.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?**
No. The amendments do not create any new inspection or enforcement requirements.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?**
No. The amendments do not require the need to provide additional educational services.
- **Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
No. The amendments are not likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts.
- **Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**
No. The amendments are not likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts.
- **Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The amendments do not affect existing compliance and reporting requirements.
- **Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The amendments do not establish schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements.
- **Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**
No. The amendments do not create compliance or reporting requirements.
- **Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?**
No. The amendments do not affect design or operational standards.
- **Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?**
No. The current deadline for MassDEP to conduct a program review of its cumulative impact analysis program is in regulation and therefore a regulation amendment is needed to extend the deadline.