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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

This Public Hearing Notice is available in alternative languages (Español -- Tiếng Việt -- Chinese -- Kreyòl Ayisyen -- Português) on MassDEP's website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21A §§ 2, 8 and 16, M.G.L. c. 21N and M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 2C and 142A through 142E and 142M, is proposing to amend 310 CMR 7.40, *Low Emission Vehicle Program*, to adopt California's most recent amendments to the Advanced Clean Trucks regulation and to change the Heavy-duty Omnibus regulation start year from model year 2026 to 2027. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, MassDEP will hold public hearings on the proposed amendments online and via telephone:

Monday, March 16, 2026, at 10:30 AM (ET)

Register in advance for this public hearing:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Vil4LOaHTh26RWhD1x3Vhw>

Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM (ET)

Register in advance for this public hearing:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/AGPfQSOWReSH3Gg1X5xQmg>

The proposed amendments and background information are available on MassDEP's web site at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>.

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 March 26, 2026. Written comments must be submitted by email to Ngoc Hoang at [ngoc.hoang@mass.gov](mailto:ngoc.hoang@mass.gov) or by mail to Ngoc Hoang, MassDEP, Bureau of Air and Waste, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

For special accommodation for these hearings, please call the EEA Diversity Office at 617-626-1282. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request. MassDEP provides language access interpreter/translation services to limited English proficient individuals free of charge. If you need an interpreter to participate in this meeting, translation services can be found at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-language-translation-assistance>.

## Small Business Impact Statement

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

**CMR No: 310 CMR 7.40**

**Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: None**

**Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain**

- **Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **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 regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **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 regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?**  
No. MassDEP is adopting California's provisions to maintain identity with California as required by Section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Is the regulation likely to *deter* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Is the regulation likely to *encourage* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.
- **Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**  
No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.

- **Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?**

No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.

- **Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?**

No. The regulation only applies to vehicle manufacturers, which are not small businesses.