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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c. 21A, §§ 2 and 8 and M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 2C and 142A through 142D, will hold public hearings in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A on proposed amendments to 310 CMR 7.00, *Air Pollution Control*, and 310 CMR 6.00, *Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Commonwealth* pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 21A, §§ 2 and 8 and M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 2C and 142A through 142D. The proposed amendments adopt the revised primary annual fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 9 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) and the secondary annual sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) NAAQS of 10 parts per billion (ppb) promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on February 7, 2024 and December 10, 2024, respectively. Public hearings will be held online and via telephone:

Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM (EST)

Register in advance for this hearing:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/76YS0g2QP2HFbZV6lDw5g>

Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM (EST)

Register in advance for this hearing:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/6bqtrpQIQaOEsu0slYwBRQ>

The proposed amendments, a background document, and hearing registration links are available on MassDEP's website 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 May 9, 2025. Written comments must be submitted by email to Libby Lee [elizabeth.lee2@mass.gov](mailto:elizabeth.lee2@mass.gov) or by mail to Libby Lee, MassDEP, 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 6.00 & 7.00**

**Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0**

**Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain**

No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?  The amendments do not create additional reporting requirements.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?  The amendments do not create new recordkeeping requirements.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?  The amendments do not require additional administrative oversight.
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?  The amendments do not result in small business needing to hire additional employees.
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.)?  The amendments do not result in small businesses needing to hire other professionals.
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 amendments do not require small business to purchase a product or make new capital investments.
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.)  MassDEP is required by the Clean Air Act to have air permit regulations that ensure compliance with the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?  No other state regulations duplicate or conflict with the regulations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has regulations that establish NAAQS. The amendments are designed to match EPA's NAAQS so state and federal standards are consistent.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?  The regulations do not create any new inspection or enforcement requirements.
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 regulations do not require small businesses to provide 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 regulations are not likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts.
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 regulations are not likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  The regulations do not affect existing compliance and reporting requirements.
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 regulations do not establish schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  The regulations do not create compliance or reporting requirements.
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?  The regulations do not create design or operational standards that affect small businesses.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?  The regulations do not create regulatory methods that affect small businesses.