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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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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 7.00 Appendix C *Operating Permit and Compliance Program* to remove the “emergency” affirmative defense provisions, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). MassDEP will submit final amendments to EPA for approval into MassDEP’s Operating Permit State Plan. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, MassDEP will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments online and via telephone:

Tuesday September 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT)

Register in advance for this hearing:

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

Tuesday September 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (EDT)

Register in advance for this hearing:

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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 Friday, October 10, 2025. Written comments must be submitted by email to Laura Warren at Laura.L.Warren@mass.gov or by mail to Laura Warren, 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 7.00

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: Less than 100

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 additional recordkeeping requirements.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? The amendments will 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 will not result in the need 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 will not result in the need 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 will not require the purchase a product or 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.) The amendments do not require regulated sources to take any actions.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? No other regulations duplicate or conflict with the amendments.
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 amendments 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 amendments do not require the need 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 amendments 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 amendments 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 amendments 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 amendments 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 amendments 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 amendments do not require regulated sources to take any actions.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? The amendments do not require regulated sources to take any actions.