



Elizabeth Mahony
Commissioner

BY ORDER OF: Elizabeth Mahony, Commissioner
Department of Energy Resources

Small Business Impact Statement

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

CMR No: 225 CMR 26.00

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: Minimal, if any, as detailed below

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? To the extent dealerships meet the "small business" standard, participation by licensed MA dealerships is voluntary. Dealerships that elect participation in a point of sale rebate program will have compliance obligations, including submitting required documentation associated with the purchase of an eligible vehicle seeking rebate issuance.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? It is unlikely that participating dealerships will need to keep any additional records because the existing documentation for eligible purchases or leases received through the online portal will be sufficient.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? No.
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.
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.)? No.
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? No.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? No; not applicable.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? No.
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? DOER reserves the right to audit or inspect participating dealerships in this voluntary program.
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? DOER will oversee the development of training resources, webinars, and other materials that will be made available to dealerships at no cost. Any other education about requirements is likely to be provided in their normal course of business.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? No, the regulation formalizes participation in a voluntary program.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? No.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? No.
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? No.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? No.
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? Not applicable.
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 are voluntary for all businesses, including small businesses; however, DOER will prioritize minimizing the regulation's impact on small business during the implementation process.