

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF WASTE PREVENTION

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection, acting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c 111, §§ 142A through 142N; c 21 §§ 26 through 53; c 21A §§ 2, 13, and 16; and c 21C will hold public hearings on proposed amendments to 310 CMR 7.00, Air Quality Regulations. The amendments will be applicable to all Air Pollution Control Districts.

A new section to the Air Pollution Control Regulations, 310 CMR 7.26(50) through (54) is proposed to address outdoor hydronic heaters, also known as outdoor wood boilers, installed after the effective date of these proposed regulations and to address the operation of outdoor hydronic heaters installed before the effective date. The proposed regulations have requirements for manufacturers, sellers and owners of outdoor hydronic heaters.

The Commonwealth is committed to measures designed to attain and maintain national ambient air quality standards. The proposed amendments are part of that commitment and will be proposed as a revision to the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Public hearings will be conducted under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A on:

Thursday, June 12, 2008 – 5:00 pm
Room 309, Frost Building
Holyoke Community College
Holyoke, Massachusetts

Monday, June 16, 2008 – 5:00 pm
Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
Lakeville, Massachusetts

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 – 5:00 pm
Department of Environmental Protection
205B Lowell Street
Wilmington, Massachusetts

Thursday, June 19, 2008 – 4:00 pm
Department of Environmental Protection
627 Main Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the public hearings. Written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 PM on July 3, 2008. Written testimony must be submitted to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Prevention
One Winter Street 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Attn: James Doucett

Copies of the proposed regulations and background information will be available for inspection during normal business hours at: the Bureau of Waste Prevention, One Winter Street, Boston, MA, the four regional offices of MassDEP and on MassDEP's web site at www.mass.gov/dep.

For special accommodations for these events or hearing information in an alternate format, please contact Donald Gomes, DEP's ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057, BAS/HR, 3rd Floor, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

By Order of the Department
Laurie Burt
Commissioner

