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PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Protection is holding public hearings on proposed amendments to: 310 CMR 30.0000, (the Hazardous Waste regulations, adopted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 21C); and 310 CMR 7.00 (the Air Quality regulations, adopted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111, §§142 A-N), as well as proposed new regulations at 314 CMR 17.000 (Industrial Wastewater Management for Biotechnology Operations, adopted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21, §§26 through 53). In addition, the Board of Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Facilities is holding simultaneous public hearings on proposed amendments to 257 CMR 2.00 (the Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Facilities regulations, adopted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21, §34A and §34B).

The proposed or amended DEP regulations are organized into three regulatory packages.

Amendments to the Hazardous Waste Regulations consisting of:

- Provision for conditional waiver of requirements for elementary neutralization of hazardous waste by Generators in tanks and containers, and
- Provision for a case-by-case waiver determination process that would allow the Department to grant waivers for specific wastes and activities that are either adequately regulated or insignificant as a potential hazard (for wastes and activities not regulated by U.S. EPA under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act);

Amendments to the Air Pollution Control regulations, consisting of:

- Plan Approval exemption for Biotechnology Surface Disinfection Processes, that is intended to provide a permit-by-rule for emission of volatile organic compounds from biotechnology operations' surface disinfection processes; and
- Plan Approval exemption for Biotechnology Laboratories; and

New Industrial Wastewater Management for Biotechnology Operations regulations and an amendment to the Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Facilities regulations:

- These regulatory changes are intended to provide a permit-by-rule for discharge of industrial wastewater to the sewer and for pretreatment of industrial wastewater as well as exempt persons who manage, operate and maintain wastewater treatment facilities in compliance with 314 CMR 17.00 from obtaining a separate approval from the Board of Certification under 257 CMR 2.00.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator, at 1-617-556-1057. TDD Service - 1-800-298-2207.

DEP on the World Wide Web: <http://www.state.ma.us/dep>

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Public hearings on the proposed amendments will be conducted under the provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws on:

Thursday, June 23, 2005 - Springfield - 1:00 p.m. - Department of Environmental Protection, Western Regional Office, 436 Dwight St., Room 305, 3rd Floor Courtroom, Springfield, MA

Friday, June 24, 2005 - Boston - 10:00 a.m. - Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 2nd Floor, Atlantic Room, Boston, MA

Monday, June 27, 2005 - Worcester - 3:00 p.m. - Department of Environmental Protection, Central Regional Office, 627 Main St., Commissioner's Conference Room, Worcester, MA

Tuesday, June 28, 2005 - Boston - 1:30 p.m. - Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 2nd Floor, Atlantic Room, Boston, MA

Wednesday, June 29, 2005 - Lakeville - 1:00 p.m. - Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Dr., 1st Floor Conference Room, Lakeville, MA

Thursday, June 30, 2005 - Boston - 10:00 a.m. - Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 2nd Floor, Atlantic Room, Boston, MA

Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the public hearings. In addition, written comments will be accepted **until 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2005** at the Department of Environmental Protection, 627 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608, attention: Lee Dillard Adams.

Copies of the regulation amendments and background documents are available on the DEP website at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/bwp/biotech.htm> and during normal business hours at the DEP Boston Info Center or DEP's Regional Service Centers:

DEP Boston Info Center, One Winter Street, Boston (800) 462-0444
DEP Southeast Region, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville (508) 946-2714
DEP Western Region, 436 Dwight Street, Suite 402, Springfield (413) 784-1100 x 2214
DEP Central Region, 627 Main Street, Worcester (508) 792-7683

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By order of the Department

Robert W. Golledge, Jr., Commissioner