

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
Department of Environmental Protection  
And  
Executive Office for Administration and Finance  
**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Department of Environmental Protection and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, acting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 21A, § 18, M.G.L.c.131§40, MGL c. 7 § 3B and Chapter 21E, § 3B, will hold public hearings on amendments to 310 CMR 4.00, Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions; 801 CMR 4.02, Wetlands Fees; 310 CMR 1.01, Administrative Proceeding Rules; and 310 CMR 10.00, Wetland Regulations.

The proposed amendments will increase, decrease, add, delete, or otherwise amend review schedules and fees for Wetlands, Water Pollution Control/Title 5, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification, Hazardous Waste, Water Supply, Air Quality, and Waste Site Cleanup Programs. Amendments to adjudicatory proceeding rules include provisions to allow prescreening of cases, clarify requirements for filing a notice of claim, increase availability of simplified hearings, add procedures for mediation, revise outdated references, and other reforms. Amendments to the wetland regulations include revised standards for work in the buffer zone, simplified review for work in the buffer zone, guidance on the discretion of resource area alteration, additional references to the stormwater management standards, references to mouth of coastal river maps, clarification of enforcement provisions, revisions to parties who may request adjudicatory hearings, and other administrative changes.

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

June 14, 2004 -- Boston -- 10:00 a.m.

Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street

June 15, 2004 -- Springfield -- 10:00 a.m.

Department of Environmental Protection, Western Regional Office, 436 Dwight St.

June 15, 2004 -- Worcester - 2:00 p.m.

Department of Environmental Protection, Central Regional Office, 627 Main St.

June 16, 2004 -- Lakeville - 10:00 a.m.

Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive

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 June 28, 2004 at the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Budgetary and Legislative Affairs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Copies of the regulation amendments and background documents will be available in the Calendar on the DEP website at [www.state.ma.us/dep](http://www.state.ma.us/dep) and during normal business hours at the DEP Boston Info Center and the following regional office Service Centers:

DEP Northeast Region, One Winter St., Boston, MA (617) 654-6500

DEP Southeast Region, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA (508) 946-2714

DEP Western Region, 436 Dwight Street, Suite 402, Springfield, MA (413) 784-1100 x 2214

DEP Central Region, 627 Main Street, Worcester, MA (508) 792-7683

This information is available in alternate format upon request to: ADA Coordinator, BAS/HR, 4th floor, One Winter Street, Boston, 02108 at (617) 556-1057.

For special accommodations for this event, call (617) 556-1067/One Winter Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02108. The DEP Boston Info Center may be reached at 1-800-462-0444.

By order of the Department  
Robert W. Golledge, Jr., Commissioner