

October 1, 2008

Ian A. Bowles, Secretary
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge St., 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Bowles:

This email is to notify you that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has scheduled public hearings on proposed regulations to implement portions of the Mercury Management Act (M.G.L. Chapter 21H, §§ 6D, 6E, 6F, 6I, 6K, 6L and 6N). The proposed regulations, which are also being implemented pursuant to the authority of the Hazardous Waste Management Act (M.G.L. c. 21C, §§ 4 and 6) implement: (1) a prohibition on the disposal of products containing mercury, (2) a ban on the sale of certain products containing mercury, and (3) labeling requirements for products containing mercury.

The public comment period is scheduled to begin with publication of MassDEP's formal notice in four Massachusetts newspapers no later than October 20, 2008. The deadline for submitting public comment is November 24, 2008 at 5:00 PM. The proposed regulations and public hearing schedule are available on MassDEP's web site at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/publiche.htm>

If you have questions or would like any additional information at this time, please contact Lori Segall at 617-654-6595.

Sincerely,

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