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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under its authority pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 21, §27, is proposing amendments to 314 CMR 4.00, Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards. The proposed amendments update toxic pollutant criteria for the protection of aquatic life and human health in accordance with recommendations published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The proposed amendments also designate additional cold water streams, update and clarify certain site-specific criteria, and make the basin tables more clear and consistent.

Two public hearings will be held under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A on the following dates and locations to receive comments on the proposed changes. An informational overview of the proposed amendments will be given during the first hour, followed by two hours for testimony, which may be presented orally or in writing.

Friday, October 25, 2019 – Boston, MA.

Informational Overview: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MassDEP's Headquarters, One Winter Street, (617) 292-5500

Monday October 28, 2019 – Worcester, MA.

Informational Overview: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MassDEP's Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, (508) 792-7650

Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2019. Written comments must be submitted by email to richard.carey@mass.gov or by mail to Richard Carey, MassDEP, Watershed Planning Program, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606.

If you have questions or would like to request a copy of the background documents for the proposed regulations, please contact Richard Carey (richard.carey@mass.gov). Copies of the proposed regulations and background documents will also be made available on MassDEP's website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/regulations/314-CMR-4-the-massachusetts-surface-water-quality-standards>