

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Environmental Protection

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to 314 CMR 3.00, Surface Water Discharge Permit Program, promulgated pursuant to G.L. c. 21, s. 27(12) and s. 34. More specifically, the Department is proposing to make state regulations governing the discharge of stormwater by specified parties consistent with federal regulations, thus enabling DEP to continue to issue permits jointly with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The hearing will be held as follows:

Monday, October 30, 2002  
1 p.m.  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
New England Regional Laboratory  
Kennebec Room  
11 Technology Drive  
North Chelmsford, MA

In addition to its hearing on the aforementioned permit revisions, the Department and USEPA will jointly hold a hearing at 9 a.m. at the same date and location as the regulatory hearing noted above. The subject of the mornings hearing will be a proposed "general permit" for the new category of stormwater discharge permittee to be covered by the Departments proposed revisions to 314 CMR 3.00 and by concomitant federal regulations.

Persons planning to give oral testimony at either of these hearings are encouraged to also provide a written summary. Written comments on the proposed revisions to 314 CMR 3.00 by any person may be submitted to the Department before, during, or after the hearings, but no later than November 8, 2002, when the hearing record will close. Questions about the hearings and public comments on the proposed regulations should be directed to Paul Hogan, Department of Environmental Protection Central Region, 627 Main St., Worcester, MA 01605 (telephone 508 767-2796).

Date: September 13, 2002

BY ORDER OF: Lauren A. Liss, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Protection