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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

This Public Hearing Notice is available in alternative languages (Español -- Tiếng Việt -- Chinese -- Kreyòl Ayisyen -- Português -- Khmer) on MassDEP's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c.21A, §§ 26 – 53 and Section 2 of Chapter 322 of the Acts of 2020, will hold a public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A on the new regulation 314 CMR 16.00 *Notification Requirements to Promote Public Awareness of Sewage Pollution*. The proposed regulation is a requirement of An Act Promoting Awareness of Sewage Pollution in Public Waters and would establish requirements and procedures for notifying the public of sewage discharges and overflows into surface waters of the Commonwealth to protect and preserve public health.

The proposed regulation and a background document are available on MassDEP's website at: www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/. Pursuant to the provisions for adequate alternative public access to agency hearings, set forth in Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and Governor Charles D. Baker's COVID Executive Order No. 1 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, which was extended by COVID Executive Order No. 69, public hearings will be conducted online and via telephone. The date and registration information for the public hearings is as follows:

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Information Session: 1:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: 2:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoc--vqjgqH933nsXnWqCwKna7be5U4MAT>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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MassDEP Website: www.mass.gov/dep

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Information Session: 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: 7:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrd-CsrD4uE9IIVHeXm8up5HC0h5uP6U7x>

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Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearings. MassDEP will accept written comments until 5:00 PM on November 8, 2021. Written comments must be submitted by email to massdep.npdes@mass.gov or by mail to: Attn: Sewage Notification, MassDEP, One Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

For special accommodations for these hearings, please call the MassDEP Diversity Office at 617-292-5751. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request. MassDEP provides language access interpreter/translation services to limited English proficient individuals free of charge. If you need an interpreter to participate in this hearing, translation services can be found at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-language-translation-assistance>.

By Order of the Department
Martin Suuberg
Commissioner