**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Proposed Amendments to

310 CMR 42.00: Certification and Operation of Environmental Analysis Laboratories

and 310 CMR 22.00: Drinking Water Regulations

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30A, and the authority conferred by M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26 through 53, M.G.L. c. 21A, § 2(28), M.G.L. c. 21C, § 4, M.G.L. c. 21E, § 3, M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 142A through 142E, 150A and 160, that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will hold public hearings on proposed amendments to 310 CMR 42.00: Certification and Operation of Environmental Analysis Laboratories and 310 CMR 22.00: Drinking Water Regulations. The amendments to 310 CMR 42.00 will add a certification category to improve MassDEP’s ability to evaluate the performance of laboratories analyzing drinking water samples for Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances (PFAS), and will better promote the reporting of high quality PFAS analytical data used by the MassDEP Drinking Water Program. The amendments to 310 CMR 22.00 add references to specific laboratory methods for certified laboratories to use for analyzing drinking water for PFAS and 1,4 dioxane.

**Public Hearings:** Two public hearings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the proposed changes.

**Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019, Time: 10:00 am**Location: [MassDEP Central Regional Office](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/central-region.html)
8 New Bond St. Worcester, MA

**Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019, Time: 10:00 am**Location: [MassDEP Wall Experiment Station](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/william-x-wall-experiment-station-wes.html)
37 Shattuck St., Lawrence, MA

**Public Comment Period:**  Ends: November 25, 2019, 5 p.m.

Oral and written testimony may be submitted at Public Hearings.The public is encouraged to provide written comments at the hearings or by U.S. mail to: MassDEP, C. Mark Smith, 1 Winter Street, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02108; or by email to C.Mark.Smith@mass.gov. Please specify “Regulatory Comments” in the subject line and include the sender’s full name and address. Comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2019.

Copies of the proposed regulations will be available on MassDEP’s website at: <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-4200-certification-and-operation-of-environmental-analysis-laboratories>

and at: <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-22-the-massachusetts-drinking-water-regulations>

If you have questions or would like to request a copy of the proposed regulations, please contact Lisa Touet at Lisa.Touet@mass.gov (978-242-1364). If any member of the public wishing to attend a hearing seeks special accommodations, please contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem at 617-292-5751.

By Order of the Department,

Martin Suuberg, Commissioner