



MASSDEP BRIEFING
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Water Resources Committee

September 2015

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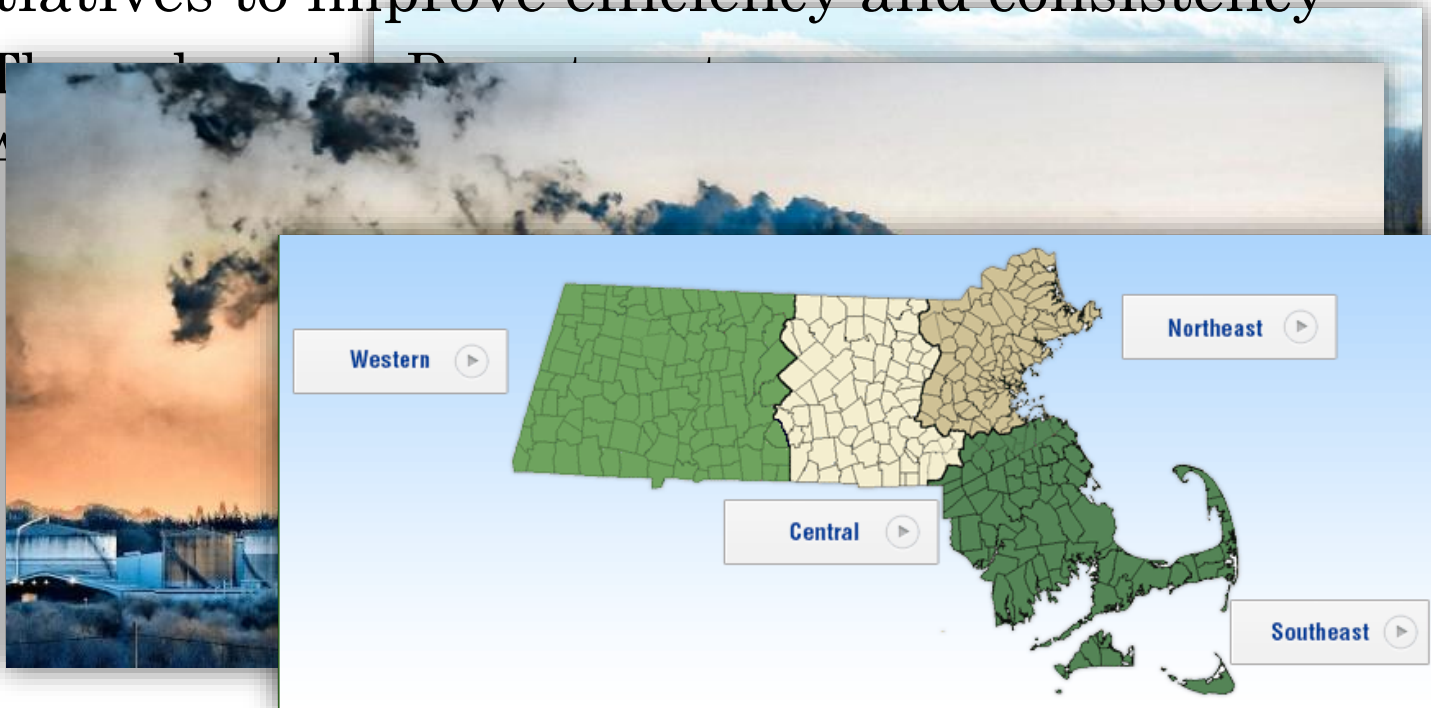
- Water Management Act Regulations, Guidance and Permits

OFFICE OF THE PERMIT & REGULATORY OMBUDSMAN & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Office Overview:

- Regulated Community Engagement
- Large and Complex Project Management
- Initiatives to improve efficiency and consistency

- Technical and Policy
- Administrative



PERMITTING HELP PAGES

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Frequently Asked Questions on MassDEP Permitting

MassDEP strongly encourages you to read this information before applying for a permit, license, plan approval or registration from the agency. This information applies to MassDEP permitting activities described in the Timely Action Schedule and Fee Provisions (310 CMR 4.00), and in your permit application instructions.

- [Where I can get assistance in understanding the permit application process?](#)
- [How do I apply for a MassDEP permit, license, or plan approval?](#)
- [What types of DEP approvals and permits are subject to the Permit Extension Act?](#)
- [How do I pay my application fee?](#)
- [How long will it take MassDEP to act on my application?](#)
- [Can review of a permit application be expedited?](#)

For general permitting information or questions, call 617-292-5915 or massdep_permitassistance@massmail.state.ma.us

MassDEP Service Center

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<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/service/approvals/getting-started-with-permitting-at-massdep.html>

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/service/approvals/frequently-asked-questions-on-massdep-permitting.html>

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OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

<http://mass.gov/dep/muni>

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USER FRIENDLY TOOLS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND CONSUMERS

The screenshot displays the Mass.gov website interface. At the top, there is a green navigation bar with links for "State Offices & Courts", "State A-Z Topics", and "State Forms". A notification for "No Active Alerts" and a "Skip to main content" link are also present. The main header includes the "Mass.gov" logo, the text "The Official Website of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs", and the "Energy and Environmental Affairs" title. A search bar is located to the right of the title. Below the header is a horizontal menu with categories: "Agriculture", "Energy & Utilities", "Environmental Protection", "Fisheries, Wildlife & Habitats", "Recreation & Conservation", "Services & Assistance", and "Agencies". The "Agencies" category is currently selected. The breadcrumb trail reads: "EEA Home > Agencies > MassDEP > Service Center > Homeowner Resources". The main content area is titled "Homeowner Resources" and features a blue banner with icons for paint, light bulbs, electronics, recycling, and a house. Below the banner is a "Resources for Homeowners" section with a MassDEP logo. To the right, there is a "Contacts" section with a phone icon and a link to "MassDEP Contacts & Staff Directory". The bottom of the page shows three dark blue buttons with icons and text: "Paint & Stains", "Compact Fluorescent Bulbs", and "TVs & Electronics". Each button has a list of links below it.

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Homeowner Resources

Resources for Homeowners

Paint & Stains

- Where to go to get rid of Paints and Stains
- How to Safely Handle Paints and Stains

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

- Where To Go To Get Rid of your Mercury Bulbs
- Safe Handling of Light Bulbs

TVs & Electronics

Contacts
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GOVERNOR BAKER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 562

- Review of all regulations
- Consider public health, environment, federal requirements, and impacts on regulated community
- MassDEP – regulations are under consideration for amendment to promote more efficient agency operations, or to promote streamlining of requirements
 - general listening sessions
 - stakeholder group
 - public process

GOVERNOR BAKER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 562 - GENERAL LISTENING SESSIONS

- **Tuesday, September 29, 2015, from 4-6 p.m.** – MassDEP's Central Regional Office, Suasco Conference Room, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester.
- **Wednesday, September 30, 2015, from 4-6 p.m.** – Springfield Central Library, 220 State Street, Springfield.
- **Thursday, October 1, 2015, from 4-6 p.m.** – MassDEP's Boston headquarters, Conference Rooms A, B & C, second floor, 1 Winter Street, Boston.

NPDES DELEGATION

- Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program:
 - Permits, compliance and enforcement for discharges to surface waters
 - All but four U.S. states have program delegation
- MA is Reviewing Delegation Option:
 - Benefits: State-specific knowledge; Integrated planning; Streamlining & Innovation
 - Considerations: Costs & Maintaining Program Integrity

NPDES DELEGATION

- 2013 Study:

- Estimated \$9.7m annual cost (mostly for new MassDEP staff)
- Funding Mechanisms: Annual wastewater “assessment” (per gallon fee, like SDWA assessment); annual fees; and/or general fund

UPDATE ON FEDERAL MS4 PERMIT

- MS4 general permits are intended to manage runoff from municipal, state, or transportation collection systems to protect surface waters
- Current general permit(s):
 - Issued in 2003
 - Required Storm Water Management Plans include:
 - public participation
 - public outreach
 - control of illicit discharges
 - control of construction site runoff
 - pollution prevention

UPDATE ON FEDERAL MS4 PERMIT

- EPA's proposed new draft permit issued for comment September 2014
- 250 separate requirements (up from <50)
- More than 1,700 pages of comment
- Concerns:
 - High administrative burden & extensive outreach
 - Compliance costs could be double or triple current
 - Inconsistency with state stormwater standards
- EPA targets December 2015 for final permit
 - EPA estimates ~20% cost increase above 2003 permit, and will give towns up to 1 year to update SWMPs
 - MA must decide to co-issue the permit or not (awaiting information on EPA's approach)

UPDATE ON FEDERAL MS4 PERMIT

- MassDEP's on-going help for municipalities:
 - Dedicated Stormwater Coordinator (assistance to individual municipalities and assisting small towns with waivers)
 - Developing easy-to-use outreach materials for munis
 - Working with municipalities/stormwater coalitions/MMA
 - Collaborating with EPA
 - Assisting each regional stormwater coalition to reduce compliance costs
 - EPA and MA helping coalitions explore a single statewide collaborative of regional coalitions
 - Exploring expanded collaboration with colleges on municipal assistance tools

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE

- Promulgated November, 2014
- Guidance under review with advisory committee process
- Report to the Legislature due March, 2017
- Administratively continuing permits as necessary
- Careful, thoughtful permitting process

RECLAMATION SOILS

- Interim Policy Issued August 28th
- Addressing Need identified by development community and requirements of Section 277 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014
- Promotes Responsible re-use of soils for quarry, gravel and sand pit reclamation projects
- <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/cleanup/laws/massdep-policy-comm-15-01-2015-08-28.pdf>



THANK YOU