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Subject: MassDEP Notice of Proposed Amendments to 310 CMR 15.000 and New Regulations at 314 CMR 21.00
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Dear Municipal Official,

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is proposing to amend the Title 5 regulations, 310 CMR 15.000, to enhance protection of embayments and estuaries—particularly on Cape Cod, the Islands and Southeastern Massachusetts—from nitrogen pollution originating primarily from wastewater. The proposed amendments will add nitrogen reduction provisions within natural resource areas for Title 5 systems. MassDEP is also proposing new related regulations at 314 CMR 21.00 to provide a voluntary watershed permitting approach to control nitrogen and other pollutants from entering the embayments and estuaries.

The draft regulations will be published on the MassDEP website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>. Public hearings will be held under the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 30A on November 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm, December 1, 2022 at 1:00 pm, and December 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm. In addition MassDEP is planning on conducting two public information sessions. More details about the public hearings and public information sessions can be found on the MassDEP website.

If you have any questions or would like to request a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact Marybeth Chubb by email at marybeth.chubb@mass.gov.