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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Department of Environmental Quality Engineering
Division of Water Supply
1 Winter Street, Boston, Mass.

NOTICE OF HEARING
RELATIVE TO AMENDMENT OF
THE DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering proposes to amend the Drinking Water Regulations of Massachusetts (310 CMR 22.00) by (1) clarifying the authority of the Department to utilize its own inspections or analyses, or inspections or analyses of its agents to determine compliance of public water systems with requirements of the Drinking Water Regulations, (2) approving for use by laboratories in conjunction with analyses for contaminants regulated by 310 CMR 22.00 alternate analytical techniques, (3) allowing a nitrate level up to 20 mg/l in water served by non-community public water systems not used by children upon approval of the Department, (4) changing the date by which non-community public water systems must perform an initial analysis for nitrate to obtain consistency between the State regulations and the Federal regulations, (5) establishing a maximum contaminant level and monitoring requirements for trihalomethanes, (6) allowing a reduced frequency under specified conditions for turbidity testing, (7) clarifying the approval requirements of individuals for carrying out certain simple chemical and physical tests of water, (8) reducing the time allowed for public water systems to report to the Department the results of water quality tests required by these regulations, (9) allowing the Department, under specified conditions to waive the requirements that community water systems notify radio and television stations of failure to comply with a maximum contaminant level, (10) re-wording

a public notification requirement for non-community public water systems to clarify the requirement, (11) making a correction in the title of a Section of the regulations, and (12) adding a requirement that community public water systems run once only specified tests to determine the corrosiveness of the water which they serve. These amendments are proposed to be adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by General Laws, Chapter 21A, Section 2 (28), and General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 160. Written comments on the proposed regulations must be filed by not later than October 15, 1981, addressed to the Director, Division of Water Supply, Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, One Winter Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. Copies of the full text of the proposed regulations may be obtained at this address. Copies are also available for inspection at the Department's Regional Offices: Lakeville State Hospital, Lakeville, MA; 323 New Boston Street, Woburn, MA; 75 Grove Street, Worcester, MA; and the Western District Health Office, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. In addition, the Department will hold public hearings on the proposed regulations as follows: on October 6, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. at the Western Massachusetts Public Health Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA; on October 8, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers, Worcester City Hall, 455 Main Street, Worcester, MA; and on October 5, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. at the Conference Room, tenth floor, D.E.Q.E. offices, One Winter Street, Boston, MA.

An Environmental Notification Form covering the proposed regulation will be filed with the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or about September 15, 1981, and a review pursuant to MEPA, G.L. Chapter 30 Section 61,62 will occur. Copies of the Environmental Notification Form may be obtained from the Director, Division of Water Supply, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Department Of Environmental Quality Engineering
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Notice of Public Hearing from the Office of
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