



MassDEP

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection

Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA)

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MassDEP Deputy Commissioner John Beling

MassDEP

50th Anniversary

50 Years of MassDEP

- ✓ **Developed commercial food material disposal ban and are a national leader in keeping food waste out of landfills**
- ✓ **First state in the nation to establish PFAS requirements**
- ✓ **Finalizing Wetlands and Waterways Regulations, regulating coastal floodplains**
- ✓ **Developing Clean Heat Standard that will decarbonize our building stock**

Central Trainers



**SELF-PACED ONLINE
TRAINING MODULES**



**CLASSROOM
TRAININGS**



FIELD TRAININGS



neiwpc.org/our-programs/wastewater/mass-title-5

Continuing to support a Green Budget for FY26

Continues to support the development of a strong clean energy workforce, clean transportation and decarbonization efforts, food security and an all-of-government commitment to environmental justice.

CLEAN AIR

WETLANDS PRESERVATION

CLEAN WATER

HAZARDOUS WASTE
MANAGEMENT AND SITE
CLEANUP

SAFE DRINKING WATER

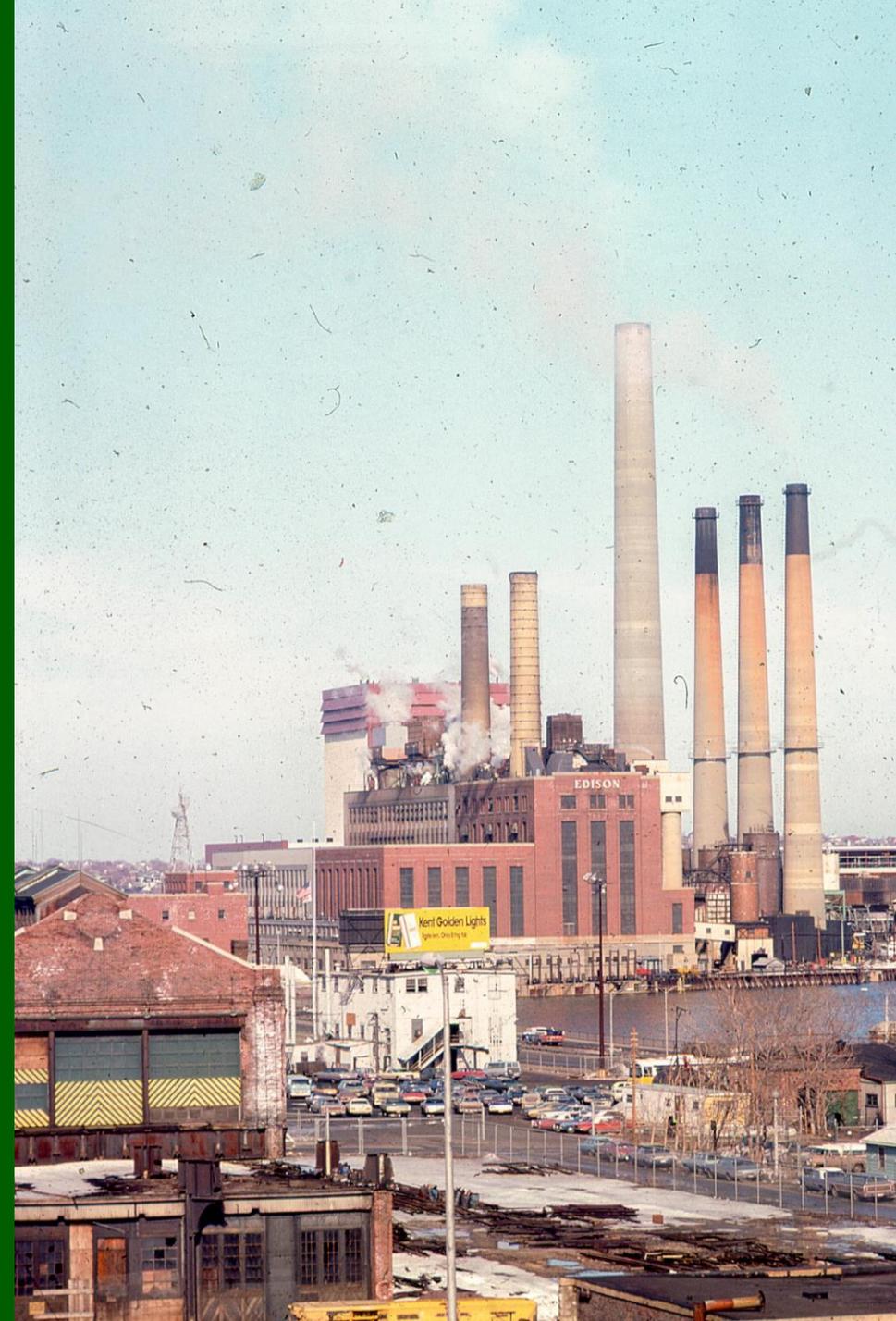
PUBLIC ACCESS TO
WATERWAYS



MassDEP's Mission Statement

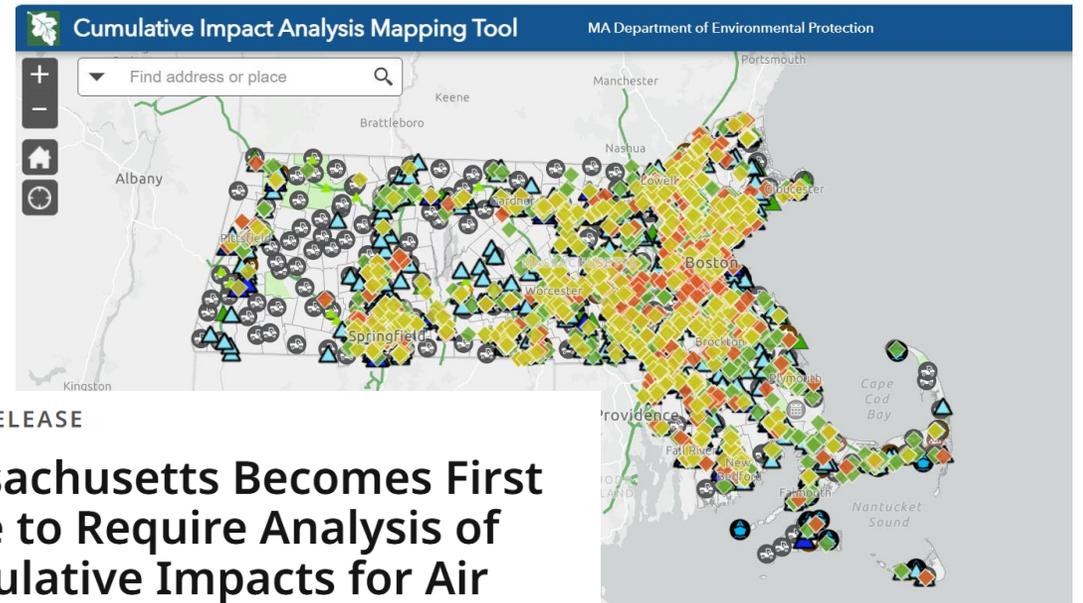
MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources - air, water, and land - to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations.

In carrying out this mission MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth, to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives; and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve.



Air Quality

- Enhancing air monitoring and community-based air sensor efforts specifically in environmental justice areas



PRESS RELEASE

Massachusetts Becomes First State to Require Analysis of Cumulative Impacts for Air Quality Permits near Environmental Justice Populations

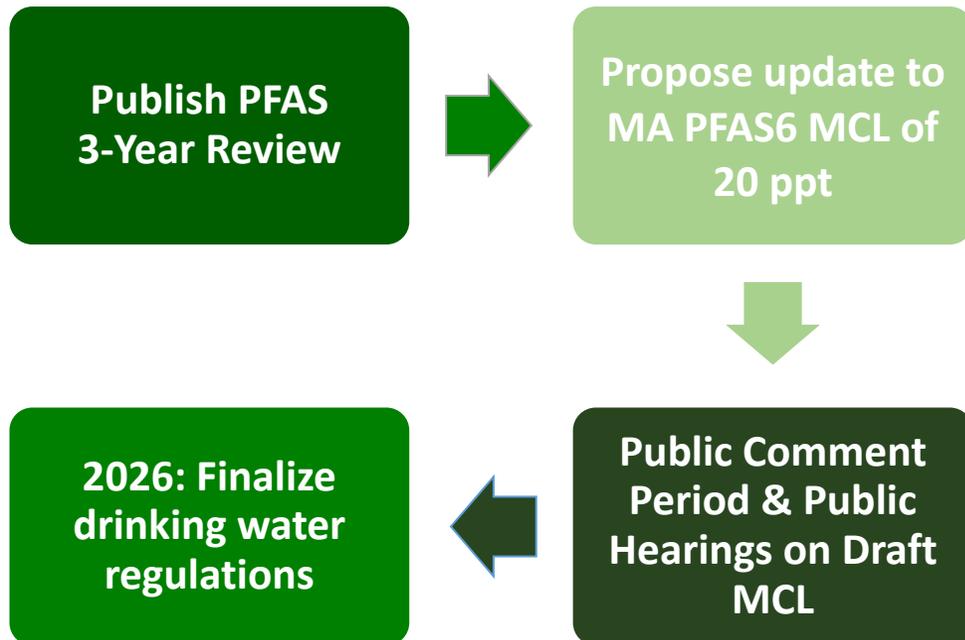
The Department of Environmental Protection will require key air permit applicants to assess 33 environmental, health, and socioeconomic indicators



Water Quality

➤ Providing technical assistance and permitting assistance to public water supplies on PFAS and Lead and Copper Rule with a focus on schools/childcare facilities in Environmental Justice communities

PFAS Schedule



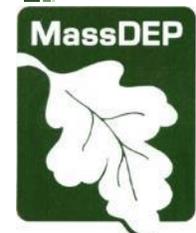
Lead and Copper Rule



MassDEP Drinking Water Program



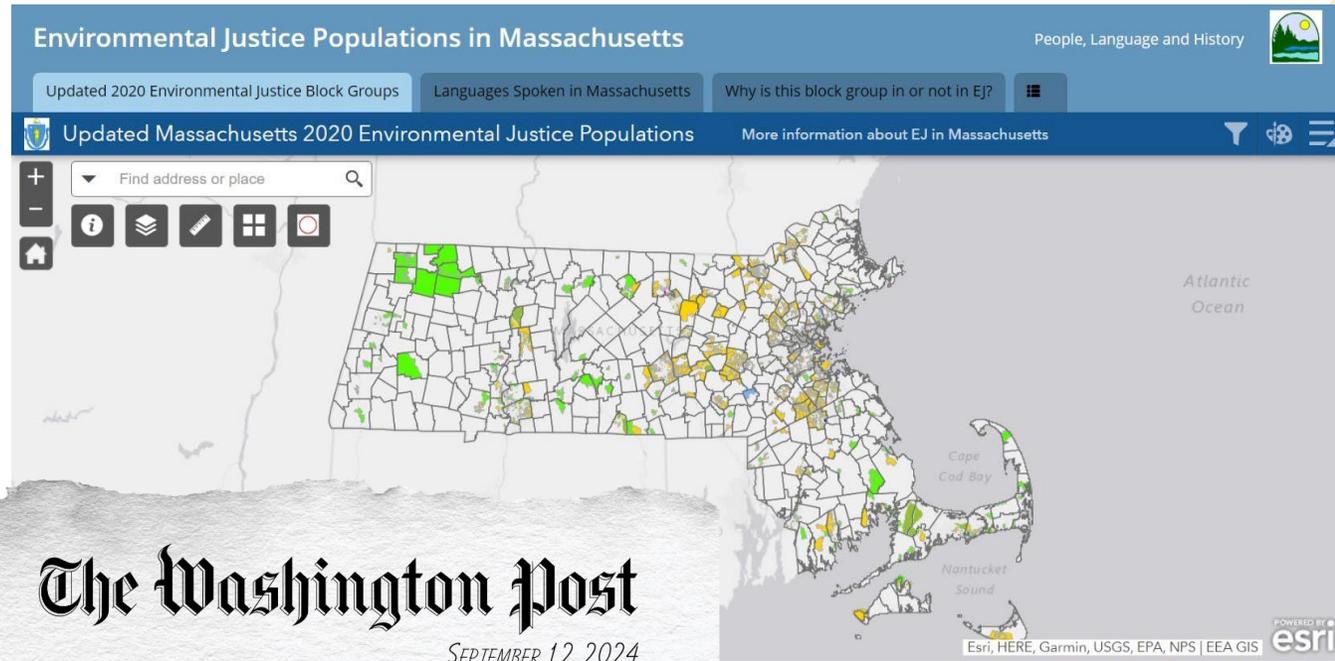
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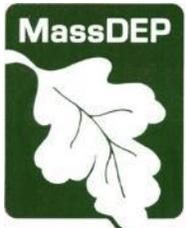
Solid Waste

- Solid waste has significant impacts on public health, contributes to climate change, and disproportionately affects low-income communities.

Science SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
Of the first five US states with food waste bans, Massachusetts alone has reduced landfill waste



The Washington Post
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
These states tried, and failed, to cut food waste. One succeeded.



THANK YOU

