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MassDEP's Final Action Plan for Regulatory Reform
"This document is the [Final Action Plan for Regulatory Reform at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection \(MassDEP\)](#). This plan is first and foremost an attempt to strategically cope with the budget cuts MassDEP has suffered in recent years. Since 2002, MassDEP's budget has been significantly reduced, and staffing has been cut commensurately, from 1200 full time equivalents to approximately 840 today. Yet during that same period MassDEP's responsibilities have only increased through efforts to address emerging environmental contaminants of concern and passage of new legislation such as the Global Warming Solutions Act and the Massachusetts Mercury Management Act. As a result, the agency's resources are now out of alignment with its responsibilities. This deficit jeopardizes MassDEP's ability to perform its vital functions, and to maintain its position as a national leader in environmental protection."

Industrial Wastewater Sewer Connection Permits to Expire (BWP-IW 38 or IW 39)
Industrial Wastewater Sewer Connection Permits were first issued in early 2008. Most permits have a five year term. Therefore, many of these permits are set to expire and must be renewed.

"[BWP-IW 38](#) covers specific industrial facilities with sewer connections for discharging greater than 50,000 gpd to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW); also known as sewage treatment plants with Industrial Pretreatment Programs (IPPs). IPPs are industrial sewer discharge permit programs operated by POTWs as required by their federally issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Standard Industrial Classification Codes for the industrial facilities that are covered by BWP-IW 38 are listed in

Appendix B.

[BWP-IW 39](#) covers specific industrial facilities with sewer connections for discharging greater than 25,000 gpd to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW); also known as sewage treatment plants without Industrial Pretreatment Programs (IPPs). IPPs are industrial sewer discharge permit programs operated by POTWs as required by their federally issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Standard Industrial Classification Codes for the industrial facilities that are covered by a BWP-IW 39 are listed in Appendix B."

MassDEP Proposes Lower Sulfur Content Limits for Oil Burners

"MassDEP is [proposing amendments](#) to 310 CMR 7.00 and 310 CMR 7.05 that would lower the allowable sulfur content of distillate oil (i.e., home heating oil) and residual oil combusted at stationary sources to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide, which contributes to regional haze and poses direct health impacts."

LAST REMINDER:

UST Operator Regulations Go into Effect on August 8, 2012.

As noted in last month's e-mail, the new regulation provides for three classes of operators, A, B and C. In addition to site-specific training, Class A and B operators will be required to pass an examination before the August 8, 2012 deadline!

To help you prepare for this exam, Tighe & Bond is planning a training session in Westfield on July 26. Also, Tighe & Bond now has five Class A/B Operators for Underground Storage Tank (UST) operation in Massachusetts. Our operators are geographically situated to serve clients throughout Massachusetts. They can serve as your facility's Class A/B operators, as well as provide site-specific on-site Class C operator training. [Read more...](#)

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