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### HOW TO FIND OUT ABOUT SITES WITH REPORTED RELEASES OF OIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

The Massachusetts "Superfund" Law (M.G.L. c. 21E) and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0000, the "MCP") require that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) be notified of releases of oil or hazardous material to the environment which exceed specific reporting thresholds (these thresholds are described in 310 CMR 40.0300). Once releases are reported to DEP, the person legally responsible for the release must follow the requirements and deadlines in the MCP for assessing and cleaning up the release.

DEP maintains two types of lists of reported releases which are available for public viewing: statewide lists and regional lists. Each is described below.

#### STATEWIDE LISTS

DEP maintains the following statewide lists:

- 1) Transition List: in August 1993, DEP published the *1993 Transition List of Confirmed Disposal Sites and Locations to be Investigated*, which included sites and locations known to DEP as of July 1, 1993. An *April 1994 Addendum* to this list identifies new sites reported to DEP between July 1, 1993 and October 1, 1993, sites whose transition status has changed since the publication of the August List (e.g., a Location to Be Investigated has been granted a Waiver of DEP approvals), and sites which have a waiver application pending DEP approval. DEP will publish another *Addendum* in Summer 1994 once all waiver applications have been acted on, to show the status of these sites.
- 2) Tier I Site List: in January 1995, DEP will publish the *Tier I Disposal Site List*, a statewide list of sites which pose the greatest risks to health, safety, public welfare, and the environment. Updates to the *Tier I List* will be published on an annual basis.
- 3) Historical Spill List: this list includes sudden releases reported to DEP from the mid-1980's through September 30, 1993. This list has been archived and will not undergo further updates. At the vast majority of releases on this list, response actions have been completed and the case is no longer active. Where further response actions are required, the release is being tracked on either the Site List or Pre-Classification List (see REGIONAL LISTS below).

Each of these lists is or will be available for public viewing in DEP's Boston Office:

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DEP  
One Winter Street  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 292-5851  
**Attn: 5th floor reception**  
**When: Mon - Fri**

**\* to view the Historical Spill List, please call  
(617) 292-5720 to schedule an appointment**

In addition, the *1993 Transition List* and *Tier I Disposal Site List* are or will be available for public viewing in DEP's Regional Offices (see below for Regional Office procedures for viewing), and may be purchased from the State Bookstore:

State Bookstore  
State House, Room 116  
Boston, MA 02133  
Telephone: (617) 727-2834

Western Office of the Secretary of State  
436 Dwight Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Telephone: (413) 784-1378

## **REGIONAL LISTS**

The following region-specific lists are currently available for public viewing in DEP's Regional Offices:

Site List: this list includes all "transition sites" (i.e., which also appear on the *1993 Transition List* and *Addenda*), any sudden release reported to DEP prior to August 2, 1993 where DEP has determined further response actions are required, and any release which has been classified as either a Tier I or a Tier II disposal site.

Pre-Classification List: this list includes all releases reported to DEP on or after October 1, 1993, as well as releases reported to DEP between August 2, 1993 and October 1, 1993 where DEP has determined further response actions are required. Once a release on this list is classified as Tier I or Tier II, it will also appear on the Site List.

The two lists described above are generated monthly from two separate databases. DEP plans to merge these databases in the near future, at which point one comprehensive list of releases in each DEP region will be maintained.

Historical Spill List: this list includes sudden releases reported to DEP from the mid-1980's through September 30, 1993, and is a region-specific version of the statewide Historical Spill List described above.

Copies of these lists can be viewed in each of DEP's Regional Offices. Regional Offices also maintain files for each listed release which are available for public viewing. Photo-copies of lists or release files may be made at each Regional Office for a "per page" charge (checks should be made payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts"; cash is not accepted). Regional Office procedures for viewing these lists are:

DEP Western Region  
436 Dwight Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 784-1100

**Attn: Service Center**

**When: Mon - Fri**

**\* No appointment required to view lists; release files are available for viewing without appointment  
Wed 9 am - 12, 1 pm - 4**

DEP Northeast Region  
10 Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(617) 935-2160

**Attn: Service Center**

**When: Mon - Fri**

**\* No appointment required to view lists only; to view release files, please call File Review to schedule an appointment**

DEP Central Region  
75 Grove Street  
Worcester, MA 01605  
(508) 792-7683

**Attn: Service Center**

**When: Mon - Fri**

**\* No appointment required to view lists only; to view release for files, please call to schedule an appointment**

DEP Southeast Region  
20 Riverside Drive  
Lakeville, MA 02347  
(508) 946-2714

**Attn: Service Center**

**When: Mon - Fri**

**\* No appointment required to view lists only; to view release files, please call to schedule an appointment**

## **ELECTRONIC COPIES OF LISTS OF REPORTED RELEASES**

Quarterly updates of the Site List are available through the DEP/ORS Computer Bulletin Board System; Modem (617) 292-5546 (36 MB Tandy 3000HD, 1-Node, 24-hours/day, 2400 Baud, 8 data, 1 parity). For questions about the use of the Bulletin Board System, please call (617) 292-5570.

For electronic copies of the Historical Spill List, please call (617) 292-5720. At this time, DEP is not making electronic copies of the Pre-Classification List available to the public, since the database is still being developed. We are exploring options for doing so in the future.

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