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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR LANDFILL REPORTING OF GREENHOUSE GASES

The MassDEP has extended the deadline for landfill operators to report their emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) from April 15 to **June 15, 2010**.

Landfills that have Title V (Appendix C) Operating Permits and those that emit 5000 tons or more of CO₂ from the use of fuel (including landfill gas) are required to report their 2009 GHG emissions to the MassDEP pursuant to 310 CMR 7.71.

All other operators that generate more than 5000 tons in CO₂ equivalent (CO₂e) in actual GHG emissions will have to report their 2010 GHG emissions to the MassDEP by April 15, 2011. For example, a landfill that vents 238 tons of methane in 2010 (considered to be equivalent to 5000 tons of CO₂) will be required to report by April 15th next year. MassDEP is still developing guidance on how landfills should measure, monitor and report their GHG emissions.

The EPA also requires municipal solid waste landfills that generate 25,000 metric tons CO₂e or more of methane per year to report beginning March 31, 2011. Generated as well as destroyed methane must be reported. The rule (40 CFR 98, Part HH) includes formulas for calculating emissions, record-keeping requirements and monitoring standards.

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