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[EPA'S ECHO WEBSITE OPENS A WINDOW INTO YOUR INDUSTRIAL FACILITY](#)



The Environmental Protection Agency's ECHO website provides a searchable window into a facility's environmental compliance. The newsletter's lead article explores the implications of this powerful tool and the broad availability of compliance data.

[THE PROMISE OF THE PERMIT SESSION HEADS TO THE SJC](#)

Tom Mackie and Peter Durning recently wrote an editorial in *Mass Lawyers Weekly* discussing the prospects for the Permit Session Statute to fulfill its promise of facilitating large-scale development in the Commonwealth, as the Land Court's jurisdiction under the statute is headed before the Supreme Judicial Court.



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE

Despite EPA's efforts to establish a clear definition for "Waters of the United States" with the issuance of the Clean Water Rule, there are numerous court challenges muddying the field.

FIRM SUCCESSES

The firm is enjoying an impressive run of victories in a broad variety of settings, including MassDEP adjudicatory appeals, Land Court, the Appeals Court and pre-suit negotiations.

MASSDEP TURNS 40

2015 marks the 40th anniversary of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. John Shea provides a retrospective and recognition for many long-serving staff members who are now enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

RENEWABLES CORNER

Massachusetts continues to be in the forefront of embracing alternative energy initiatives. The Renewable Corner goes around the horn on the status of implementing and growing the renewables footprint in the Commonwealth.

FIRM ACTIVITIES

Mackie Shea attorneys are active in the leading industry and trade groups, as well as the Boston Bar Association and Environmental Business Council. Here is a rundown of some of our recent involvement in these important organizations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Mackie Shea was very pleased to garner another round of accolades from lawyers' ranking services. We are particularly proud of the strong support we received from our existing client base.



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