



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

---

## Department of Environmental Protection

Southeast Regional Office • 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville MA 02347 • 508-946-2700

Charles D. Baker  
Governor

Karyn E. Polito  
Lieutenant Governor

Kathleen A. Theoharides  
Secretary

Martin Suuberg  
Commissioner

January 7, 2020

Nantucket Memorial Airport  
Attn: Thomas Rafter, Airport Manager  
14 Airport Road  
Nantucket, MA 02554

**RE: NANTUCKET**  
Nantucket Memorial Airport  
14 Airport Road  
**APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO EXTEND  
INTERIM DEADLINE**

Dear Mr. Rafter:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (MassDEP), is tasked with ensuring the timely assessment and cleanup of oil and hazardous material (OHM) releases pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 21E (Chapter 21E). Chapter 21E is implemented through regulations known as the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000 et seq. (the MCP).

### BACKGROUND

In April 2019, Nantucket Memorial Airport responded to MassDEP's March 2019 Request for information (RFI) and stated that aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), which is known to contain per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), had been discharged to the ground at the airport. PFAS are a class of compounds that are potentially toxic to humans and have been demonstrated to have a high degree of persistence and mobility when released to the environment.

On December 6, 2019, the Department issued Nantucket Memorial Airport an RFI / Notice of Response Action (NORA) with an Interim Deadline, asserting MassDEP's intent to sample private drinking water supply wells in the vicinity of the airport. The RFI portion of the NORA requested that any PFAS sampling results generated since May 2019 be submitted to MassDEP. You (when used in this letter "you" and "yours" refers to Nantucket Memorial Airport) responded that no sampling had been conducted. The NORA furthermore indicated that MassDEP intended to conduct sampling private water supply well sampling at properties at and downgradient the airport, unless by December 20, 2019, you certified that you were able and willing to complete the work and provided the following:

- 1) a copy of a signed contract with a License Site Professional (LSP) to complete the required actions;
- 2) analytical results for PFAS sampling of the drinking water supply well that serves seasonal housing for the airport;
- 3) copies of all signed access agreements with private well owners for sampling/analysis of private wells;

- 4) analytical results for any residential properties that provided access prior to December 20, 2019; and
- 5) a schedule for sampling drinking water supply wells for residences that could not be accessed.

On December 20, 2019, you responded to the NORA and submitted all the information requested with the exception of correspondence with potentially affected residents regarding access. You requested that the deadline for issuing access agreements to residential properties for private water supply well sampling be extended to January 10, 2020.

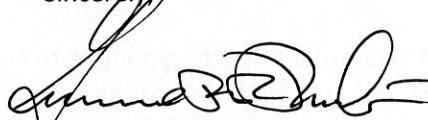
#### APPROVAL OF EXTENSION REQUEST

MassDEP hereby grants your extension request pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0167(2) and approves the deadlines proposed for sampling monitoring wells on the airport property and private water supply wells both on and off the airport property. If you are unable to meet these deadlines, you should notify MassDEP in writing promptly upon learning of the delay, and prior to the running of the deadline, and state the anticipated length and cause of the delay, the measure or measures to be taken to minimize the delay and a timetable for implementing those measures.

This letter does not constitute a release from liability, obligation, action, or penalty under Chapter 21E, the MCP, or any other law, regulation, or requirement, nor does it limit the MassDEP's authority to take or arrange for, or to require any PRP to perform, any response action authorized by Chapter 21E which MassDEP deems necessary to protect health, safety, welfare, or the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Angela Gallagher at (508) 946-2790 or by email at [angela.gallagher@mass.gov](mailto:angela.gallagher@mass.gov).

Sincerely,



Gerard M.R. Martin  
Deputy Regional Director  
Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

GM/AG/ag

ec: Town of Nantucket  
Nantucket Board of Selectmen  
Nantucket Board of Health

DEP-SERO

Millie Garcia-Serrano, Regional Director  
Andrew Fowler, Regional Counsel

DEP-BOSTON

Paul Locke, Assistant Commissioner  
Brian Ferrarese, Chief of Staff  
Courtney Rainey, Director of Government Affairs & Municipal Partnership