DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT 2003 REGULATORY AGENDA (Mid-Year Update)

Rules and Regulations Filed Since January 15, 2003

Subject Area	Purpose	Effect	Interested Parties	Contact
PARK AND MANAGEMENT AREAS Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 42-17.6; 20-1-2; 20-1-4; 20-1-8, 20-18; 32.2-4; 31.2-2; and 42-35 Effective: 1/29/03	Amend regulations governing the use of the state target range and allow only 10 hp motors or less to be used on Stafford Pond (Tiverton).	Improve safety conditions at state target range and protect Stafford Pond (Tiverton) by limiting the size of motors used thereon.	Hunters, recreational anglers.	Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.
PARK AND MANAGEMENT AREAS Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 42-17.6; 20-1-2; 20-1-4; 20-1-8, 20-18; 32.2-4; 31.2-2; and 42-35 Effective: 8/27/03	Clarify definitions relative to attendance at special events at state parks and management areas; increase the required amount of fluorescent orange worn by hunters during shotgun deer season.	Eliminate an inconsistency in the attendance limits for specially sanctions events at facilities managed by RI DEM; improve safety during RI hunting seasons.	Recreational facility users, hunters.	Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.
HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 2003-2004 SEASON; FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 2004-2005 SEASON Legal Basis: 20-1-4; 20- 1-12; 20-1-13; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35 Effective: 8/27/03	Establish conditions and requirements for hunting or fishing species, bag limits, minimum size restrictions, seasons, etc. in accordance with federal guidelines and public comment.	Set the rules for all hunted and fished (freshwater) species in Rhode Island.	Recreational anglers and hunters.	Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 789-7083.

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MARINE FISHERIES Legal Basis: 20-1-2, 20-1-4; 20-3-1 through 20-3-6; 20-4 through 20-10; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35	Amend/regulate fisheries methods, possession limits, and seasons according to federal and regional mandates and decisions. Regulatory changes are promulgated by DEM in conjunction with the RI Marine Fisheries Council.	Keep Rhode Island in compliance with federal and regional mandates, established fisheries management rules and regulations, and the RI General Laws.	All commercial and recreational fishermen and fish processing businesses.	Mark Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 423-1940.
Effective: 6/29/03, 6/27/03, 6/22/03, 6/19/03, 6/13/03, 6/5/03, 5/27/03, 5/15/03, 5/8/03, 5/2/03, 5/1/03, 4/11/03, 4/5/03, 3/28/03, 3/15/03, 2/14/03 and 1/29/03				
GALILEE PORT OPERATIONS Legal Basis: 46-5, 42- 17.1 and 42-35	Increase daily and seasonal parking rates at state parking facilities in Galilee.	Eliminate discrepancies between state parking fees and those of surrounding private parking facilities. Provide more room for commercial fishermen and seasonal passholders in state-owned lots.	Commercial fishermen, seasonal passholders, and general public.	Don McGovern, Division of Coastal Resources, 783-5551
Effective: 4/2/03 NEWPORT FISHING PORT OPERATIONS Legal Basis: 46-5, 42- 17.1 and 42-35 Effective: 6/9/03	Amend provisions regarding gear storage and designate larger loading/unloading areas for vessels.	Allow for a more efficient management of the recently renovated Newport Fishing Port.	Commercial and recreational fishermen.	Don McGovern, Division of Coastal Resources, 783-5551
GUIDELINES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ALTERNATIVE FOREST USE CHALLENGE GRANTS Legal Basis: 2-5, 2-10, 42-17.1 and 42-35 Effective: 4/28/03	Establish criteria and process to evaluate grant proposals.	Clarify process used to issue challenge grants to forest landowners for establishing alternative forest-based businesses.	Forest landowners and farmers.	Gregg J. Cassidy, Sustainable Watersheds Office, 222-3434, ext. 4403.

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DREDGING Legal Basis: 42-35 Effective: 2/26/03	Establish a comprehensive regulatory framework to ensure that dredging and the management of dredged material is regulated in a manner that is protective of the environment, treats dredging and dredged material management as a distinct class of activities to be regulated on the basis of the nature and characteristics of the material, and encourages the beneficial reuse of dredged material for Brownfields redevelopment, beach nourishment, landscaping, habitat restoration and/or creation, construction projects, landfill cover and other such purposes.	Provide a single set of regulations governing the dredging process and the management and disposal of dredge material.	Marinas, boat owners, commercial and recreational users of Narragansett Bay, and the Coastal Resources Management Council.	Terrence Gray, Assistant Director for Air, Waste and Compliance, 222-4700 ext. 7100.
RI POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM Legal Basis: 46-12 Effective: 2/25/03	Revise the regulations in response to updated US Census data from 1990 to 2000.	Regulate additional discharges of stormwater from municipal stormwater systems.	Local, state, and federal municipal stormwater systems.	Eric Beck, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7202.
WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROJECTS Legal Basis: 42-17.1, 46-12, 46-12.2 and 42- 35 Effective: 8/27/03	Revise Rules 5.6 and Appendix 1: "Project Rating Criteria" to reflect the continuing evolution of the program for construction of water pollution abatement projects, which creates a project priority list potentially fundable under the State Revolving Fund.	Revise project rating system to place greater emphasis on various watershed plans.	Municipalities, state entities, and quasi-state entities.	Jay Manning, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7254.

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FY2003 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 46-12, 46-12.2 and 42-35 Effective: 2/26/03	Publish the FY2003 Project Priority List as a technical amendment to establish the universe of projects that potentially could receive funding from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program.	Establish eligibility for below-market rate interest loans for selected water pollution abatement projects.	Municipalities, quasi-state agencies and other local governmental units.	Jay Manning, Office of Water Resources, 222-4700 ext. 7254.
DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS BY CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING Legal Basis: 4-19-1 Effective: 4/8/03	Establish standards for euthanizing animals at public and private facilities.	Ensure that practical and humane practices are employed by animal care facilities.	Animal control agencies, pounds.	Peter B. Belinsky, V.M.D. RI State Public Health Vet Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4908.

Rules and Regulations Proposed to be Filed Between September 1, 2003 and January 15, 2004

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PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO FARMLAND Legal Basis: 42-82 and 42-35	Update and revise the existing rules governing the operating procedures of the Agricultural Land Preservation Commission regarding administration of bond funds to purchase development rights to farmland to reflect current state objectives and the comprehensive planning statute.	Update procedures and standards to reflect current state objectives and statutes (no significant impact on operation or outcome of the program).	Farmers.	Jim Doris, Chairman, Agricultural Land Preservation Commission, 647-3513; and Ken Ayars, Division of Agriculture, 222-2781 ext. 4500.
ALTERNATIVE FOREST USE CHALLENGE GRANTS Legal Basis: 2-5, 2-10, and 42-17.1 and 42-35	Update and revise criteria and process to evaluate grant proposals.	Clarify process used to issue challenge grants to forest landowners for establishing alternative forest-based businesses.	Forest landowners, farmers.	Gregg J. Cassidy, Sustainable Watersheds Office, 222-3434, ext. 4403.
PESTICIDE CONTROL Legal Basis: 23-25	Implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools pursuant to new statutory requirements enacted in 2002.	Protect public health by establishing standards for IPM Programs in all schools.	Public and private secondary schools, daycare and childcare centers.	Elizabeth Lopes-Duguay, Division of Agriculture, 222- 4700, ext. 4510.
IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS Legal Basis: 4-19-1	Update and revise the regulations governing the importation of animals, particularly with regard to the required import permits, certificates of veterinary inspection, and disease-free certification.	Protect public health, animal health, wildlife, and related industries by ensuring that animals imported into the state are healthy and disease free.	General public, health professions, animal industry, animal welfare groups, veterinarians, agriculture, and animal wildlife groups.	Chris H. Hannafin, D.V.M., RI State Public Health Veterinarian, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4503.

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IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS Legal Basis: 4-19-1	Update and revise the regulations concerning the importation of, possession of, and standards of care for exotic and wild animals.	Limits the possession of wild and exotic animals to qualified individuals participating in bonafide educational, research, and nonprofit usage.	Zoos, researchers, exhibitors, veterinarians, animal welfare groups.	Chris H. Hannafin, D.V.M., RI State Public Health Veterinarian, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4503.
DEER DAMAGE Legal Basis: 21-1.14, 20-1.12, 20-1.13, and 20-15-3	Incorporate additional safety requirements not addressed in current regulations regarding hunting distances from occupied dwellings and number of permitted hunters.	Increase safety for land owners and hunters with deer damage permits.	Farmers, landowners and hunters.	Steven Volpe, Division of Agriculture, 222-2781 ext. 4501.
CULTURAL PRACTICES FOR BRANDING PRODUCTS OF THE FARM (ORGANIC CERTIFICATION) Legal Basis: 21-20 and 42-17.1	Maintain USDA accreditation of RI's organic certification program.	Clarify and streamline the certification process.	Organic farmers and food processors, and the Northeast Organic farming Association/RI Chapter.	Dan Lawton, Division of Agriculture, 222-2781, ext. 4516
ANIMAL CARE REGULATIONS Legal Basis: 4-19-1	Establish comprehensive animal care regulations.	Protect the owners of dogs and cats from the sale or use of stolen pets; insure that all warm-blooded vertebrate animals, used in commerce, are provided humane care and treatment by regulating the transportation, sale, purchase, housing, care, and treatment of these animals by persons or organizations transporting, buying, or selling them for commercial use; insure that animals confined in pet shops, kennels, animal shelters, and pounds are provided humane care and treatment; release for sale, trade, or adoption only those animals which appear to be free of communicable disease or abnormalities, unless veterinary care subsequent to release is assured; and insure the spaying and neutering of dogs/cats adopted from a releasing agency.	Animal welfare groups, animal control agencies, pet shops, kennels, pounds, auction markets, and veterinarians.	Peter B. Belinsky, V.M.D. Rhode Island State Public Health Veterinarian, Division of Agriculture, 222-4700, ext. 4908.

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MARINE FISHERIES Legal Basis: 20-1-2, 20-1-4; 20-3-1 through 20-3-6; 20-4 through 20-10; 42-17.1; 42-17.6; and 42-35	Amend/regulate fisheries methods, possession limits, and seasons according to federal agency mandates and decisions by the Director in conjunction with the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council. Also, codify decision-making process involving the Council, its Advisory Panels, and DEM.	Keep Rhode Island in compliance with federal mandates, established fisheries management rules and regulations, and the RI General Laws.	All commercial and recreational fishermen and fish processing businesses.	Mark Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife 423-1940.
COMMERCIAL MARINE FISHERIES - LICENSING Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 42-17-6; 20-1-2; 20-1-4; 20-3-2 through 20-3-6; 20-4 through 20-10; and 42-35	Update commercial licensing provisions for 2004 license year.	Provide new license opportunities, where appropriate, based on revised fisheries management plans that reflect current resource and fishery conditions.	Commercial fishermen (existing and prospective).	Mark Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife 423-1940.
WATERFOWL REGULATIONS FOR 2003/2004 SEASON Legal Basis: 20-1-4, 20- 1-12, 20-1-13, 42-17.1, 42-17.6, and 42-35. 50 CFR – Waterfowl.	Update the rules for all waterfowl hunting in Rhode Island.	Annual filing to establish conditions and requirements for waterfowl hunting, including bag limits, seasons, etc. in accordance with state and federal guidelines and public comment.	Hunters.	Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7083.
FALCONRY REGULATIONS FOR 2003-2004 SEASON Legal Basis: 20-1-4, 20- 1-12, 20-1-13, 42-17.1, 42-17.6, and 42-35	Update the rules for falconry in Rhode Island.	Annual filing to establish conditions and requirements for falconry in accordance with state and federal guidelines and public comment.	Falconers.	Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7083.
IMPORTATION, FEEDING, AND BAITING OF CERVIDS Legal Basis: 4-4-23, 20- 17-9, 4-18, 20-17, 42- 17.1, 42-17.6 and 42-35	Make permanent the emergency regulations that were filed 12/30/02 to prevent the introduction of chronic wasting disease (CWD) into the State of Rhode Island.	Keep the wild cervid population (i.e., deer) free of CWD, giving deer hunters confidence that the herds are not a threat to public health.	Deer hunters.	Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7083 and Gary Powers, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 782-4765.

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WILDLIFE REHABILITATION Legal Basis: 20-1-18, 20-1-22, 42-17.1, 42- 17.6 and 42-35	Comprehensive re-write of state's wildlife rehabilitation regulations.	Incorporate more flexibility within the wildlife rehabilitation program and encourage additional program participation.	Wildlife rehabilitators.	Mike Lapisky, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7083 and Lori Gibson, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 789-7481.
WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS Legal Basis: 46-12	Update and revise regulations in response to DEM's triennial review of the water quality regulations as required by the federal Clean Water Act.	Establish consistency with recent changes to federal water quality criteria; streamline the public notice/comment/hearing processes for water quality certifications.	Wastewater treatment facilities, industries that discharge to surface waters, and applicants for water quality certifications.	Connie Carey, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7239.
UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL Legal Basis: 42-17.1 and 46-12	Revise underground injection control rules in response to federal requirements for Class V subsurface discharges to allow Rhode Island to support an application to maintain federal delegation (primacy) for implementation of the UIC program in the state.	Significant changes will include a ban on large-capacity cesspools and motor vehicle waste disposal wells.	A small number of large-scale cesspool and motor vehicle related facility owners.	Terry Simpson, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7602.
GROUNDWATER QUALITY Legal Basis: 46-13-1	Update and simplify the rules governing groundwater protection.	Update the statewide classification map and designation of wellhead protection areas; promote consistency with respect to site remediation activities; and clarify certain siting restrictions regarding Class V Underground Injection Control Sites.	Developers, as well as contractors involved in site remediation activities and parties interested in drinking water issues.	Ernest Panciera, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7603.
FRESHWATER WETLANDS Legal Basis: 2-1 and 42- 35	Amend regulations, in accordance with Chapter 2-1, based on the recommendations of the Wetlands Task Force and other recommendations identified by the Department.	Establish a simplified permit fee schedule; establish a reorganized, clearer rule format; remove barriers to pre-application meetings with wetlands program staff; and address dam reconstruction projects.	Developers, property owners, environmental community.	Carol Murphy, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7208.

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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES Legal Basis: 46-12 and 42-35	Update regulations with regard to new statutory citations, technological advancements, and policy changes and additions.	Provide DEM with updated, defensible, regulatory language and provide clearer guidance to the regulated community on operations and maintenance requirements.	Wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) operators, municipalities, industries with surface water discharging WWTFs, and collection system owners.	Bill Patenaude, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7264.
PRETREATMENT REGULATIONS Legal Basis: 46-12 and 42-35	Modify regulations to conform to recent changes made to federal pretreatment regulations.	Clarify/streamline procedures that municipalities and industries must follow to implement changes to their pretreatment programs.	Municipalities and industries with pretreatment programs	Eric Beck, Office of Water Resources, 222-3961, ext. 7202.
FY2004 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST Legal Basis: 42-17.1; 46-12, 46-12.2 and 42-35	Publish the FY2004 Project Priority List as a technical amendment to establish the universe of projects that potentially could receive funding from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program.	Establish eligibility for below-market rate interest loans for selected water pollution abatement projects.	Municipalities, quasistate agencies and other local governmental units.	Jay Manning, Office of Water Resources, 222-4700 ext. 7254.
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS Legal Basis: 42-35	Increase inspection frequency of underground storage tank (UST) systems in accordance with new statutory mandate. The Department intends to evaluate possible third party inspection options as part of a public stakeholder process this spring prior to final promulgation.	Increased inspections of UST systems throughout the state.	Underground storage tank owners, and environmental consultants	Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700, ext. 7502; and Ron Gagnon, Office of Customer and Technical Assistance, 222-4700, ext. 7500.
INSPECTIONS OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS [DAM SAFETY] Legal Basis: 46-19, 42- 17.1, and 42-35	Establish a regulatory framework for several of the major provisions of the state's current dam safety law. Rhode Island currently does not have any rules governing standards for dam inspections and repairs even though the Department, since its inception, has administered a dam safety program.	Identify minimum requirements for maintenance of a dam, registration of a dam, and responsibilities of the department and dam owners in inspecting and repairing dams; improve public information through adoption of a formal hazard classification for dams; improve regulatory oversight of dams.	Dam owners, cities and towns, property owners adjacent to and downstream of open water bodies created by a dam, and the general public that use open water bodies created by a dam for recreational purposes.	David Chopy, Office of Compliance and Inspection, 222-4700 extension 7257.

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SOLID WASTE REGULATORY FEES Legal Basis: 42-35	Amend state regulations to assess a fee on companies that manage solid waste.	Stabilize funding for the solid waste program.	Owners of solid waste management facilities, including construction and demolition debris processing facilities, landfills, large transfer stations, and petroleum processing facilities.	Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-2797, ext. 7502.
USED OIL RECYCLING Legal Basis: 23-19.1, 42-17.1, 46-12, 23-23, 23-18.9 and 42-35	Establish management and handling standards for generators, transporters, and facilities dealing with used oil that facilitate the recycling of used oil rather than treating used oil as a hazardous waste.	Used oil will be handled and managed in a manner that is similar to the storage and handling of hazardous waste but less restrictively so as to facilitate recycling rather than disposal as a hazardous waste. The regulations will be protective of the environment and the public's safety while fostering the recycling of the resource.	Businesses, industry, municipalities, and state agencies that generate, transport, or deal with used oil.	Dean Albro, Office of Compliance & Inspection, 222- 1360, ext. 7400 or Sean Carney, Office of Compliance & Inspection, 222-1360, ext. 7411.
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECTS Legal Basis: 23-18.9, 42-17.1 and 42-35	Amend solid waste regulations to allow DEM to approve solid waste management pilot projects proposed by municipalities pursuant to new statutory provisions enacted in 2003.	Encourage the development of safe, alternative waste management techniques in Rhode Island.	RI cities and towns and solid waste management community.	Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700, ext. 7502; Laurie Grandchamp, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700, ext. 7143.
ARSENIC Legal Basis: 23-19.1-6 and 42-35	Amend state regulations to increase the Industrial/Commercial Direct Exposure Standard for Arsenic from 3.7 ppm to 7.0 ppm.	Recognize the statistical distribution of naturally occurring arsenic in Rhode Island, thereby facilitating site remediation projects.	Owners of properties found to have arsenic.	Leo Hellested, Office of Waste Management, 222-4700 ext. 7502.
DEFINITION OF "VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS" Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12)	Amend the definition of Volatile Organic Compounds found in APC Regulations Nos: 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35 and 36.	Make the definition of "Volatile Organic Compounds" in Rhode Island's regulations consistent with the federal definition.	Sources of emissions, subject to the listed regulations.	Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808 ext 7012.

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AIR TOXICS (APC REGULATION NO. 22) Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12)	Amend APC Regulation No. 22, "Air Toxics," to: make the list of air toxics in that regulation compatible with EPA's Hazardous Air Pollutant list; add additional air contaminants; update the Acceptable Ambient Levels; and clarify permitting requirements.	Provide for reduced emissions of toxic air pollutants.	Businesses, industry, sewage treatment plants, and other facilities that emit air toxics.	Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808 ext. 7012.
CONTROL OF PERCHLOROETHYLEN E EMISSIONS FROM DRY CLEANING OPERATIONS (APC REGULATION NO. 23) Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12)	Update requirements for controlling emissions of perchloroethylene from dry cleaning facilities and move them to a new regulation, APC Regulation No. 23, "Control of Perchloroethylene Emissions From Dry Cleaning Operations".	Provide for reduced emissions of perchloroethylene from dry cleaners.	Perchloroethylene dry cleaners.	Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808 ext. 7012.
RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING (APC REGULATION NO. 14) Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12)	Amend APC Regulation No. 14 "Record Keeping and Reporting" to: change the submittal deadline to April 15 th of each year; and add a definition of the term, "emissions unit," which is a term currently used, but not defined, in the regulation.	Allowing an additional month will give facilities adequate time to compile good quality data and to submit those data to RI DEM.	Businesses, industry, sewage treatment plants, and state agencies that submit emission data to RI DEM.	Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222-2808 ext. 7012.
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PERMITS (APC REGULATION NO. 9) Legal Basis: 23-23-5(12)	Amend APC Regulation No.9, "Air Pollution Control Permits" to make that regulation consistent with proposed amendments to Regulation No. 22	Ensure consistency among RI DEM's APC regulations.	Businesses and other facilities that emit air toxics.	Barbara Morin, Office of Air Resources, 222- 2808 ext. 7012.
STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION Legal Basis: 46-9 and 42-35	Amend state regulations governing licensed pilots operating in RI waters.	Increase tonnage of boats new pilots are permitted to handle in RI waters.	RI licensed pilots.	Mike Scanlon, Boating Safety Program Coordinator, Division of Enforcement , 222-2284; Don McGovern, Division of Coastal Resources, 783-5551

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MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS Legal Basis: 23-19.1-6, 23-24.9, and 42-35	Establish a regulatory framework for several provisions of the RI Mercury Education and Reduction Act as enacted in 2001 and amended in 2003.	Establish regulatory provisions for notification procedures for mercury-added products and restrictions on the sale of mercury-added novelties.	Electronic manufacturers or other manufacturers of mercury-added fabricated and mercury- added formulated products, schools, healthcare facilities, and environmental groups.	Beverly Migliore, Office of Technical and Customer Assistance, 222-4700 ext. 7503; Ron Gagnon, Office of Technical and Customer Assistance, 222-4700 ext. 7500.