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Date 2025-11-03 15:01:51+00:00
Subject FW: Nicotine Free Generation regulation

Hi Kay-

Please see the note below from Karen Shannon who manages the Substance Prevention Alliance Network. I hope this is helpful information.

Best,

Jenn

From: Karen Shannon <kshannon@needhamma.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 9:47 AM
To: Jennifer Gangadharan <jgangadharan@needhamma.gov>
Cc: Tara Gurge <TGurge@needhamma.gov>; Sainath Palani <spalani@needhamma.gov>
Subject: RE: Nicotine Free Generation regulation

Hi Jenn,

Glad you reached out. The NFG amendment to the Needham BOH tobacco regulation went into effect earlier this spring. If the Dover BOH chair is interested in how the amendment has impacted retailers, Tara and Sai may be able to share some feedback. I know Sai kept the retailers informed about the effective date and required store signage, and there may've been a compliance check since NFG became effective. I've copied Tara and Sai to this email to loop them into the discussion.

It is likely a bit early to identify any impact on youth use rates. It will be interesting to see the 2025 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey data, but we are about 6 – 7 months away from seeing that data (the 2025 MWAHS is being administered this month to our 6-12 grade students).

I worked on the education and advocacy end of NFG when the Needham BOH held their public hearing – which was open for several months last fall. I'm happy to talk with anyone in Dover who may be interested in that aspect.

Best,

Karen

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From: Jennifer Gangadharan <jgangadharan@needhamma.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 8:43 AM

To: Karen Shannon <kshannon@needhamma.gov>

Subject: FW: Nicotine Free Generation regulation

Hi Karen-

I hope you are well. I am just returning from a vacation week and catching up on email. The email below is from the chair of the Dover BOH regarding a hearing for a proposed NFG regulation. She is looking for any info /data on how the regulation has affected Needham. I told her I would check in with you to see who a good point person might be. I am not sure if this is you or if there is someone else, I might direct her to.

Any info much appreciated.

Best,

Jenn

From: Kay Petersen <kpetersen@doverma.gov>

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 2:09 PM

To: Jennifer Gangadharan <jgangadharan@needhamma.gov>; Timothy McDonald <tmcdonald@needhamma.gov>

Subject: Nicotine Free Generation regulation

Tim and Jenn,

The Dover BOH has a hearing scheduled for Monday evening regarding a proposed NFG regulation that we hope to pass. I'm preparing for the hearing and subsequent Board deliberation and am writing to ask if you have any observations and/or data about the impact of your regulation or bylaw in Needham. Or is there someone more directly involved whom you'd recommend I contact?

Thanks for your thoughts.

Kay