That's an update on the ePermitting Portal, but now let's talk about the two new portals that have been released!

**Putting the “Public Access” in EIPAS**

Providing public access to EEA data and enhancing citizen engagement is one of the key tenets of the EIPAS Initiative. EEA took a major leap forward with the release of two new Data Portals.

**The Energy & Environmental Affairs Data Portal**

With the launch of the EEA Data Portal, EIPAS is providing public online access to almost 20 years of MassDEP Permit, Inspection, and Enforcement data through both powerful analytic and search tools. The first release of the Data Portal provides access to core regulatory activity leveraging several of MassDEP's legacy system data (not all MassDEP regulatory programs are included in this release of the portal). Data from across the EEA Secretariat will be added in subsequent releases.

Data is refreshed each night with any modifications or additions from the legacy information systems these portals rely on, which will ensure users have access to updated information daily.

**Data Dashboards in the Data Portal**

MassDep Data Meets 21st Century Technology! EIPAS is deploying powerful and highly interactive analytic tools as a way to access core EEA/MassDEP regulatory data such as permits, inspections, and enforcements. What makes these analytic tools so exciting is that it empowers the user(s) to create their own data exploration experience.

The Dashboards present data visually via a variety of charts, graphs, maps, etc. The visuals are designed to help users visualize trends, comparisons, and relationships in the area of data that they are interested in.

The experience is not only interactive but also very iterative. After viewing an initial visualization result, users can easily drill in further and explore the areas of data they are interested in simply clicking on the part of the graph or chart that interests them to find more granular results.

**Data Search in the Data Portal**

Our first set of dashboards allows users to visualize the data by filtering the data by town(s), period(s) of time, environmental program(s), and even by individual permit(s).

With the data search users have the ability to search and export data across two decades (1996-present) of MassDEP regulatory data. Those who work with public requests for information know there is strong public interest in our data. Interested parties range from academic researchers, environmental groups, regulated community, or citizens simply interested in what is happening in their town. This portal will provide a powerful vehicle to provide information to the public about the important and impactful work we do at EEA.
The data search enables users to view and download data sets based on criteria such as date ranges, environmental programs, Towns, etc. This service also provides users the ability to cross-link from a specific permit to related facilities, inspections, and enforcements.

**EEA Public Access Portal**

The Public Access Portal allows citizens to get up-to-the-minute information on EEA online permit applications and decisions submittals from their desktop or portable device anywhere they can access the internet. Citizens can make and view public comments on permits that have a public comment period as part of the review and approval process.

Information included through this portal can include a summary of the permit application “proof of record” document, supporting documents submitted with the permit application, final decision documents, public comments and Agency Response to public comments documents.