

Proposed For Commercial Urban Farming in Boston:

The May 2013 Boston Health Commission's *Soil Safety Guidelines for Commercial Urban Farming*, created to accompany the City of Boston's draft zoning code, Article 89 - Urban Agriculture, states that every urban farm, with the exception of farms that intend to use soil-less cultivation methods, shall either:

- Use imported soil and the raised bed cultivation method, including installation of a geotextile barrier between the native soil and imported soil, consistent with the article's requirements; or
- Use the native soil, with or without soil amendments, after the site has undergone an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and, if warranted, a limited Phase II Subsurface Investigation to document there is no significant risk based on unlimited use of the site in accordance with the MCP. At a minimum, the assessment shall evaluate soil relative to the MCP standards for compounds of concern associated with urban fill including, but not limited to, the CAM 14 metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) compounds.