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MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
FROM: Tim MacMillan, Bureau of Land and Water Quality  
RE: 2010 Small Community Grant Program Priority List  
DATE: July 1, 2010

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Statutory and Regulatory References: Title 38 MRSA Chapter 3 §411 as amended, reprinted in part on a following page. The law states that “The Department shall develop a project priority list, for approval by the board, for pollution abatement construction. The factors to be considered in developing the priority lists shall include, but not be limited to, general public health hazards and water contact activities.”

Location: Statewide

Description: The Small Community Grant Program can provide from 25 to 100% grant assistance for the construction of individual and cluster septic systems or other wastewater treatment facilities which eliminate small but serious water pollution problems. The program is funded by state bond issue and local funds and is suited for projects which are too small for the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Environmental Issues: The program funds projects which eliminate discharges of untreated sewage into water bodies of the state or which pose a public health hazard. Privately owned facilities can be funded if the sum of the taxable income of all persons listed on the deed of record is \$40,000 or less or, for a commercial establishment, the gross profit earnings are \$100,000 or less.

Department Recommendation: We request your approval of the attached 2010 Priority List, which consists of the program description, reference to enabling legislation, an explanation of the priority system, and a listing of projects which will be funded this year. Board approval of the priority list is required by 38 MRSA Chapter 3 §411.

Estimated Time of Presentation: Ten Minutes.

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