

**Performance Partnership Agreement  
For Federal Fiscal Years 2015-2017**

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Protection**

**and**

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region I- New England**

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# Maine Department of Environmental Protection Performance Partnership Agreement

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## Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England – Region I

This document is the FFY 2015 - 2017 Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA) between the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Region I. It is also MEDEP's Work Plan under the PPA for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2015 - 2017.

The PPA/Work Plan outlines the commitments that MEDEP has made to EPA Region I for FFY15 through FFY2017 under the MEDEP-US EPA Region I Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA). These commitments are organized according to the EPA's goals and objectives for FFY15, 16 and 17.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the USEPA, Region I are pleased to enter into this FFY 2015-2017 Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement. This agreement continues our efforts to establish more effective working relationships between MEDEP and EPA.

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# **Chapter 1- Performance Partnership Overview**

## **A. Introduction**

This Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA or Agreement) documents work commitments between the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP or Department) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region I- New England (EPA). This Agreement describes EPA-funded activities carried out by the MEDEP programs that address air quality, water quality, and hazardous waste. This PPA covers the period from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017, and does not restrict EPA's or MEDEP's legal oversight or enforcement authority.

Decisions made by MEDEP and EPA-NE are the basis for the commitments and plans in this Agreement.

## **B. Purpose and Scope**

The PPA is an agreement documenting the commitments of EPA and MEDEP regarding implementation of federally-delegated environmental programs, and is part of a wider effort called the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS), a joint initiative of EPA and the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS, the association of state environmental directors). The goal of the NEPPS initiative, and of the PPA process, is to promote flexibility, accountability and innovation in state/federal agreements regarding the implementation of federally-delegated programs. The PPA is intended to enhance the protection of public health and the environment by directing limited resources towards the state's most pressing environmental concerns. The Performance Partnership Grant is the federal grant used to fund many of the PPA activities.

The Department and EPA have entered into Performance Partnership Agreements since federal fiscal year 1997. This agreement continues this process, which serves as the work plan for grants from EPA to the state covering a portion of the operating costs of MEDEP's programs, as well as pass-through funds for other related projects. The development of the combined grants simplifies grant administration, provides the opportunity to prioritize the use of these funds as set forth in the PPA, and allows a reduction in the state and federal resources devoted to grant oversight, reporting, and administration.

EPA and states, including Maine, implement performance partnerships by negotiating Performance Partnership Agreements that establish jointly-developed priorities and protection strategies outlining how EPA and the state will work together to address priority needs. Maine applies annually to combine federal environmental program grant funds in a Performance

Partnership Grant (PPG), which allows us to direct resources where they are needed most or try innovative solutions to environmental problems. In many cases, these PPG funds are used by MEDEP to carry out responsibilities under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act that have been delegated to the state.

Maine's PPA is currently for FFY 2015-2017, and includes general statements about how the state and EPA will work together as partners as well as identifying joint priorities that will be addressed. Maine's PPA is also used as the primary multi-year planning document of the MEDEP, and every two years, MEDEP and EPA negotiate a separate Priorities and Commitments List ("P&C List"- see Appendix A) that serves as the annual work plan for the use of EPA funds granted through the PPG. The P&C List was initially developed by EPA to address both regional and national environmental priorities, and since then, MEDEP and EPA have worked together to develop the P&C lists. The P&C List is negotiated biennially but may be reopened by either MEDEP or EPA.

The Federally-funded program elements in MEDEP's PPA include air quality and water pollution control; licensing and enforcement of hazardous waste and underground storage tanks; lead and asbestos management; wetlands; toxic substances; compliance and small business assistance; and pollution prevention. Brownfields, Superfund, and remediation of federal facility sites are funded by EPA under separate agreements.

### **C. Performance Partnership Agreement Goals**

As part of this Agreement, MEDEP and EPA recognize the following overarching goals and objectives. Although not always specifically addressed within this Agreement's details, they are still core values to the Agreement and both agencies. The goals and objectives are:

#### **Goal 1: Conduct joint strategic planning that reflects performance partnership principles**

- Identify opportunities for enhanced work sharing, resource and workload flexibility, and phased implementation of program requirements, especially where budget reductions have negatively affected the state's programs.
- Identify and pursue collaborations to improve MEDEP-EPA business practices and promote continuous improvement.
- Use this Agreement to organize and articulate mutual compliance and enforcement priorities and plans.
- Advance performance partnership principles through effective collaboration with the Department on policy and implementation issues, making full use of the issue

resolution process to ensure that requests for flexibility and innovations are expeditiously addressed and resolved.

### **Goal 2: Support EPA's current priorities**

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks.
- Strengthen environmental protection through business process improvements enabled by joint governance and technology.
- Advance resilience in the nation's water infrastructure, while protecting public health and the environment, particularly high-risk and vulnerable communities.
- Clean up contaminated sites to enhance the livability and economic vitality of communities.
- Assess and reduce risks posed by chemicals and promote the use of safer chemicals in commerce.

### **Goal 3: Support MEDEP's Strategic framework**

- Protect and restore air, land and water.
- Prevent pollution.
- Promote healthy communities and natural resources.
- Deliver effective and efficient services.

### **Goal 4: Foster programmatically sound and fiscally responsible grants management practices.**

## **D. Performance Partnership Roles and Contributions**

This Agreement defines the roles that both MEDEP and EPA will undertake to meet the program commitments. MEDEP and EPA recognize the primary role of MEDEP is administering federal environmental programs delegated to the state under federal law and carrying out state programs prescribed under state law. EPA's role in assisting MEDEP includes addressing multi-state or national issues directly, implementing programs not delegated to MEDEP, and working on targeted sectors, airsheds or watersheds in conjunction with MEDEP. Several activities are common to both MEDEP and EPA, such as permitting, compliance, enforcement, monitoring and outreach.

## **E. MEDEP's Primary Programs Covered by this Agreement**

Three of the Department's programs: Air Quality, Water Quality, and Remediation and Hazardous Waste, are the primary recipients of EPA funds to carry out the work addressed in

this Agreement. These programs are either delegated or authorized by EPA pursuant to the following respective federal laws: the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The following federal programs are covered by this agreement:

1. Water Pollution Control (CWA Section 106, surface and ground water);
2. Nonpoint Source Management (CWA Section 319);
3. Underground Water Source Protection (UIC) (SDWA Section 1443(b));
4. Resource Conservation & Recovery (RCRA) (SWDA Section 3011(a));
5. Underground Storage Tank Grant (UST) (SWDA Section 9010); and
6. Clean Air Act Grant (CAA Section 105).

Note that Leaking Underground Storage Tank (prevention and cleanup) are funded separately from the PPA. The following federal programs may be added to the PPG with a workplan separate from this PPA:

1. Pollution Prevention Incentive Grant (PPIS) (PP Act Section 6605); and
2. Water Quality Program Development (CWA Section 104(b)(3))

#### **F. Programs that are not covered by this Agreement**

This Agreement is between MEDEP and EPA only. EPA-funded programs managed by Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and other agencies are not subject to this Agreement.

MEDEP and EPA will continue coordinated work on a number of other commitments not included in this Agreement. These commitments include, but are not limited to;

- Requirements under the Endangered Species Act;
- Approval of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program;
- State Revolving Loan Fund Operating Agreement;
- State Revolving Loan Fund Intended Use Plan;
- National Estuary Programs;
- Nonpoint Source Annual Report;
- Water Quality Management Plan to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution;
- Enforcement Response Policy for Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Memorandum of Agreement.

## **Chapter 2- Guiding Principles of the MEDEP/EPA Partnership**

### **A. Introduction**

EPA provides states the opportunity to utilize grants to fund program flexibility or alternate strategies (See 40 CFR Part 35.107(a)(2)). Part 35 allows states to propose alternative state priorities and approaches both within a single grant program, or across and among programs covered by a PPG.

PPGs provide the most flexible tool for achieving increased programmatic flexibility, as states can propose work plans that shift resources from lower to higher priority programs, and aggregate funds from multiple programs to support cross-cutting projects. Programmatic flexibility (both categorical and combined as a PPG) is essential to MEDEP's efforts to address Maine's most pressing environmental concerns in a timely and cost-effective manner.

### **B. Guiding Principles**

MEDEP and EPA agree to the following principles as they carry out their complementary missions to protect and restore Maine's and New England's environment, as well as the health of its citizens. Both agencies will strive to:

- Continue to work as partners to build trust, openness, and cooperation;
- Manage their collective resources to meet the highest environmental and public health needs in the state and region;
- Increase the pace at which business processes are streamlined and modernized;
- Integrate *E-Enterprise for the Environment* principles into applicable new policies and regulations;
- Capitalize on each agency's strengths and expertise;
- Communicate frequently, clearly (using agreed upon measures), and openly.
- Develop and implement new and more effective environmental management approaches; and
- Promote the adoption and integration of advanced information and monitoring technologies.

In addition, MEDEP and EPA support the following concepts and approaches that are reflected throughout this Agreement:

- Joint/Co-governance;
- Service to the public;



- Cooperation and coordination with other federal, state, regional, and local government agencies, as well as other essential project partners;
- Clearly-stated expectations;
- Innovative approaches and continuous improvement; and
- Activities that demonstrate measurable environmental improvements.

### **C. Roles/Contributions of Each Agency**

MEDEP and EPA enter into this Agreement as full partners to implement the specific actions outlined within the limits of available resources; Senior Leadership are open to review and amendment as needed. Further, the MEDEP and EPA agree that this is intended to be a “living” document, and that the Senior Leadership Teams and other appropriate staff at the two agencies will maintain close communication throughout the two-year PPA period, including all required grants, work plans, and annual reporting. Both agencies agree to participate in a joint annual evaluation process and to openly discuss progress and the need for any modifications or enhancements.

Through the PPA and PPG frameworks, the MEDEP and EPA have experienced improved communication amongst and between MEDEP leadership, program managers, and financial staff. Each year, MEDEP strives to become more effective at managing its many environmental programs within a challenging PPG environment. MEDEP and EPA-NE staff will continue to engage in productive and on-going discussions regarding state and federal priorities in order to maintain an effective framework for putting limited dollars to the most important priorities.

### **D. Reopening the Agreement**

Although the PPA has a two-year term, either MEDEP or EPA can request reopening the PPA by notifying the other party in writing at least 60 days in advance. In general, reopening the agreement will be limited to addressing major omissions, new or unanticipated requirements, sudden and significant changes in funding levels or available resources, resolving major legal proceedings, or any combination of these. MEDEP and EPA will annually renegotiate or update all portions of the PPA. Note that EPA's Enforcement Office only negotiates its activities annually. If the adjustments are minor and are mutually agreeable, the PPA shall be revised or updated by written correspondence between the parties. If the adjustments are significant, then the parties will need to reopen the agreement.

### **E. Strategic Investment/Disinvestment Process**

EPA continues to shift away from a time when it unilaterally leads the conversation on issues and possible solutions and towards a more collaborative, partnership effort (*i.e.*, joint

governance) where EPA and the States pool their expertise, insights, and resources and work together with the states to protect the environment and public health in New England.

In response to the New England State Commissioners' request for greater flexibility in addressing budget shortfalls and reduced staffing, the EPA, Region I Regional Administrator/Deputy Regional Administrator initiated a dialogue with the Commissioners in May 2013 resulting in an agreement for each state to submit proposals that represented high-priority, major shifts (*i.e.*, strategic investments and disinvestments) in commitments in order to provide flexibility to direct resources to their most critical environment and public health needs.

To date, the Investment/Disinvestment work has given state partners the flexibility to identify priority investments and disinvestments to support the most critical environmental and public health priorities. Investment/disinvestment activities will continue to be addressed through the P&C List.

## **F. Dispute Resolution**

MEDEP and EPA agree that the following process will be used to resolve any disputes that cannot be settled by consensus agreement, although both parties agree that every effort will be made to resolve all issues in a timely fashion without resorting to this process.

1. The dispute shall be defined in writing by both parties, with the issues and obstacles clearly stated by both parties.
2. Written disputes shall be submitted to the Maine State Senior Program Manager and the Deputy Commissioner of MEDEP.
3. The Maine State Senior Program Manager and MEDEP Deputy Commissioner shall discuss the dispute and reach a decision within two weeks of the submission.
4. If agreement cannot be reached at this level within the two-week timeframe, the dispute shall be raised to a higher level in each organization following the same process.

## **Chapter 3- Grants Management**

### **A. Introduction**

In the mid-1990's Congress first authorized EPA to award Performance Partnership Grants in the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 and in EPA's 1998 Appropriations Act. Unlike traditional categorical program grants, where states receive funds to implement specific air, water, waste, pesticides and toxics programs, the PPG provides streamlined administrative requirements, the flexibility to better direct resources towards the highest priorities, and facilitates funding multi-program efforts.

All state environmental grants, including PPGs, are governed by 40 CFR Part 35, *State and Local Assistance, Subpart A, Environmental program Grants*; and all state grants are subject to 40 CFR 31, *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments*. Following is a list of those environmental programs that are currently eligible for inclusion in the PPG<sup>1</sup>:

- Air pollution control (section 105 of the Clean Air Act).
- Water pollution control (section 106 of the Clean Water Act).
- Public water system supervision (section 1443(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act).
- Underground water source protection (section 1443(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act).
- Hazardous waste management (section 3011(a) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act).
- Pesticide cooperative enforcement (section 23(a)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act).
- Pesticide applicator certification and training (section 23(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act).
- Pesticide program implementation (section 23(a)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act).
- Nonpoint source management (sections 205(j)(5) and 319(h) of the Clean Water Act).
- Lead-based paint program (section 404(g) of the Toxic Substances Control Act).
- State indoor radon grants (section 306 of the Toxic Substances Control Act).
- Toxic substances compliance monitoring (section 28 of the Toxic Substances Control Act).
- State underground storage tanks (section 2007(f)(2) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act).
- Pollution prevention state grants (section 6605 of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990).
- Water quality cooperative agreements (section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act).
- Wetlands development grants program (section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act).

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<sup>1</sup> See 40 CF (a)(2) through (20)

- State administration of construction grant, permit, and planning programs (section 205(g) of the Clean Water Act).
- Water quality management planning (section 205(j)(2) of the Clean Water Act).
- State Response Program Grants (section 128(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)).

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection is delegated by EPA to administer the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) activities addressed in this agreement. Those activities are in part through EPA’s consolidated “Performance Partnership” grant. The purpose of the Performance Partnership Grant is to:

- 1) Reduce administrative burden by consolidating several air, water and hazardous waste grants into one; and
- 2) Increase the flexibility to reallocate resources between grants and programs to meet the highest environmental priorities in the state.

## **B. Budget Narrative**

This Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA) covers federal fiscal years 2015 – 2017 (October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017). The PPA, together with work plans (as represented by the associated P&C List), set forth the goals, sub-goals, objectives, programs, activities, deliverables, and measures of progress to address the full range of cooperative federal-state environmental programs under the Department’s jurisdiction. The PPG is a key vehicle for implementing the Agreement, in combination with other federal and state funding sources. The PPG currently combines the following federally-funded programs:

- Clean Air Act Section 105 Base Grant;
- Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Grant;
- Surface Water Section 106 Base Grant;
- Underground Injection Control (UIC) Grant;
- Asbestos Grant ;
- Lead Grant;
- Wetlands Grant; and
- Section 319(H) Nonpoint Source Grant.

This Agreement does not cover all Department work funded by EPA grants. The table below lists only the grants that are included in this Agreement:

**Agreement Grants- Fiscal Years 2016-2017<sup>2</sup>**

PPG Grant	Estimated Grant Amount (FY2016) <sup>3</sup>	End Date
Air Section 105	\$1,899,513	9/30/2017
RCRA	\$678,025	9/30/2017
Surface Water Section 106	\$3,536,683	9/30/2017
UIC Grant	\$88,500	9/30/2017
Asbestos Grant	\$149,016	9/30/2017
Lead Grant	\$253,328	9/30/2017
Wetlands Grant	\$251,983	9/30/2017
Nonpoint Source Section 319(H) Grant	\$2,622,004	9/30/2017

The Agreement and the associated work plans also include additional non-PPG funded work that is necessary to accomplish the environmental and public health goals set forth in the Department’s and EPA’s Strategic Plans. MEDEP and EPA will continue to explore opportunities for grant efficiencies, and measurement of environmental results.

Consistent with *GPI 12-06, Timely Obligation, Award, and Expenditure of USEPA Grant Funds*, for multi-year awards, MEDEP should apply for the total amount of funds expected for the period covered by the award and include any required match in the application. The work plan should also cover the same time period. EPA will fund the application incrementally as funds become available.

To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must meet the following general criteria, found in 2 CFR Part 200 (Subpart E), *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Award*:

- Be necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of Federal awards.
- Be allocable to Federal awards under the provisions of this Circular.
- Be authorized or not prohibited under State or local laws or regulations.
- Conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in these principles, Federal laws, terms and conditions of the Federal award, or other governing regulations as to types or amounts of cost items.

<sup>2</sup> In 2016, EPA awarded Maine \$285,647 under its Multipurpose Grant Program. These funds were included in the “reopener” elements of the 2016-2017 P\$C List (see Appendix A).

<sup>3</sup> As of this date, final grant awards have not been made for FY2017.

- Be consistent with policies, regulations, and procedures that apply uniformly to both Federal awards and other activities of the governmental unit.
- Be accorded consistent treatment. A cost may not be assigned to a Federal award as a direct cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances has been allocated to the Federal award as an indirect cost.
- Except as otherwise provided for in this Circular, be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- Not be included as a cost or used to meet cost sharing or matching requirements of any other Federal award in either the current or a prior period, except as specifically provided by Federal law or regulation See also § 200.306 Cost sharing or matching paragraph (b).
- Be the net of all applicable credits.
- Be adequately documented. See also 2 CFR §§ 200.300, *Statutory and national policy requirements* through §200.309, *Period of performance of this part*.

### **C. Federal Regulations and Key Policies**

All categorical environmental state grants, including PPGs, are governed by [40 CFR Part 35](#), State and Local Assistance, Subpart A, Environmental Program Grants (commonly referred to as Part 35); and all state grants are subject to 40 CFR Part 31, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments; all grants and agreements are also subject to 2 CFR Part 200 and 2 CFR Part 1500, Subpart E, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. PPGs and PPAs do not supersede any laws, regulations, or delegation agreements. Some environmental program grants are awarded through a competitive process. An applicant and the Regional Administrator may agree to add funds available for a competitive grant to a Performance Partnership Grant. If this is done, the work plan commitments that would have been included in the competitive grant must be included in the Performance Partnership Grant work plan. After the funds have been added to the Performance Partnership Grant, the recipient does not need to account for these funds in accordance with the funds' original environmental program source, but remains accountable for delivering on work plan commitments.

*Programmatic requirements.* In order to include funds from an environmental program grant listed in §35.101 of this subpart in a Performance Partnership Grant, applicants must meet the requirements for award of each of the environmental programs from which funds are combined in the agency's Performance Partnership Grant, except the requirements at §35.268(b) and (c), 35.272, and 35.298 (c), (d), (e), and (g). These requirements can be found in the CFR beginning at §35.140.

PPG work plans are subject to the same requirements as any other grant work plan. The requirements can be found at [40 CFR 35.107](#). An approvable work plan must specify the following:

- The work plan components to be funded under the grant;
- The estimated work years and the estimated funding amounts for each work plan component;
- The work plan commitments for each work plan component and a time frame for their accomplishment;
- A performance evaluation process and reporting schedule in accordance with 40 CFR 35.115; and
- The roles and responsibilities of the recipient and USEPA in carrying out the work plan commitments.

The work plan must also be consistent with applicable federal statutes, regulations, circulars, Executive Orders, and EPA delegations, approvals, or authorizations. The PPA or portion thereof that serves as a grant work plan must meet the same work plan requirements as for any state program grant. The portion(s) of a PPA that serve as a work plan must be clearly identified and distinguished from the rest of the PPA. The regulation at [40 CFR 35.107\(c\)](#) states:

“An applicant may use a Performance Partnership Agreement or a portion of a Performance Partnership Agreement as the work plan for an environmental program grant if the portions of the Performance Partnership Agreement that serve as all or part of the grant work plan: (1) Are clearly identified and distinguished from other portions of the Performance Partnership Agreement; and (2) Meet the requirements in §35.107(b). A PPG work plan should be the product of joint planning, priority setting and mutual agreement between the state and USEPA. The PPG grant work plan is the result of negotiations between USEPA and state program managers and staff. Successful PPG work plan negotiations rely on a predictable process that fosters prompt resolution of issues, including elevation of issues to senior management levels if necessary. In successful work plan negotiations USEPA and the state will reach a mutual understanding and agreement about what will be accomplished under the agreement.”

**Opportunities for Grant Process Streamlining (GPI 12-06, Timely Obligation, Award, and Expenditure of EPA Grant Funds):**

- ***Estimating Budgets:*** Consistent with applicable National Program Managers (NPM) Guidance, USEPA should request States to develop and/or submit their work plans and applications based on the previous year’s award amount or the amount derived from the President’s budget, whichever is higher. If amounts based on the President’s budget are not known, negotiations should be based on the previous year’s award amount.
- ***Focus Negotiations on New Priorities:*** Assuming that the level of funding is not significantly different from the previous year’s grant amount, the primary focus of work

plan negotiations should be on new priorities consistent with applicable NPM guidance. Less emphasis should be placed on negotiating recurring activities/commitments where there is a satisfactory record of grant performance.

- **Multi-Year Grant Awards:** For multi-year grant awards, applicants should apply for the total amount of funds expected for the period covered by the award and include any required match in the application. The work plan should also cover the same time period. EPA will fund the application incrementally as funds become available.
- **Pen and Ink Changes:** If the final amount of funding is lower than the amount applied for, Regions will work with States to identify necessary changes. The State will not need to submit a revised work plan or new application. Regions will document and date through pen and ink changes/email correspondence, agreed-upon revisions to the work plan, budget narrative, and application forms.

### **Environmental Results (EPA Order 5700.7, Environmental Results Under EPA Assistance Grants)**

[USEPA Order 5700.7](#) directs program offices to ensure that the work plan contains well-defined outputs and outcomes. For state assistance agreements under 40 CFR 35, Subpart A, program offices may satisfy this requirement by ensuring compliance with 40 CFR 35.107 as stated above. Prior to approving an assistance agreement work plan, program offices must ensure that they can link the work plan to EPA's Strategic Plan architecture.

The term "output" in USEPA Order 5700.7 means an environmental activity, effort, and/or associated work product related to an environmental goal or objective that will be produced or provided over a period of time or by a specified date. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during an assistance agreement funding period.

The term "outcome" means the result, effect or consequence that will occur from carrying out an environmental program or activity that is related to an environmental or programmatic goal or objective. Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related or programmatic in nature, must be quantitative and may not necessarily be achievable within an assistance agreement funding period. Note: These terms and their uses are similarly defined in 40 CFR 35.102.

### **D. Range of Activities**

MEDEP will use the Performance Partnership Grant, subject to the requirements below, to fund any activity that is eligible for funding under at least one of the environmental programs from which funds are combined into the grant.



MEDEP will use the Performance Partnership Grant to fund multi-media activities that are eligible and have been agreed to by the Commissioner and the Regional Administrator. The range of activities vary as needed by program, but may include staff time for program design and implementation to achieve measurable environment and public health results. Examples of activities include multi-media permitting and enforcement; pollution prevention, sampling, analysis, ecosystem management, community-based environmental protection, and/or other innovative approaches and activities.

#### **E. Work Plan Development Process**

The detailed work plan (which in Maine is represented by the P&C List), is the result of a robust negotiations process between MEDEP and EPA-Region I Senior Leadership and Program Managers. These work plan-level negotiations are initially developed by EPA via the P&C List process, and MEDEP and EPA managers and staff jointly reviewing and modifying the P&C List until the document is finalized with a sign-off by the EPA-Region I Regional Administrator. In Maine, all agreed upon EPA-funded work plan items are included in the P&C List.

Starting with FFY 2016, EPA released a two-year NPM Guidance planning process as it encourages the Regions and the States to move towards multi-year work plans. For FFY 2016 and FFY 2017, EPA and the Region I States agreed to pilot an on-line (via a Microsoft SharePoint site), two-year P&C List process for documenting negotiated Performance Partnership Grant commitments for the time period FFY 2016 - 2017. Under this approach, there is an expectation that the negotiated work plan commitments will cover a two-year period absent changed circumstances, as defined below. The benefits of this approach include minimizing/eliminating the need for extensive work plan negotiations at the mid-point of a two-year cycle, with recurring commitments from year one typically carrying over into year two.

Adjustments to year-two commitments will be necessary if there are changed circumstances such as changes in Administrator/NPM priorities, revisions required by EPA's Annual Commitment process, a substantial reduction or increase in EPA funding, and similar issues experienced at the state levels.

#### **F. Reporting & Measures for Evaluating Performance**

For this Agreement, the Department will continue to produce regular (at least annual) status reports for the elements outlined in the P&C Lists, and status reports for identified Areas for Collaboration. MEDEP and EPA agree to meet as needed to discuss progress and address any areas of concern. MEDEP staff will continue to produce progress reports, and will make these available, to EPA bi-annually.

MEDEP annual assessments (also known as “End-of-Year” Progress Reports) will strive to summarize results, track progress on identified P&C List Commitments, and Areas for Collaboration, identify areas where progress met or exceeded expectations, as well as areas where there may have been difficulty in achieving projected outcomes. MEDEP will continue normal reporting of data to national databases such as PCS-ICIS, as well as required program reporting such as 305(b) and enforcement related actions.

MEDEP and EPA agree to develop (and to continuously improve) a process for jointly evaluating and reporting progress and accomplishments that comply with 40 CFR Part 31.115.

## **Chapter 4- Strategic Priorities**

### **A. Introduction**

EPA and MEDEP staff members were guided in their PPA negotiations by their respective program guidance's, strategic plans and priorities and other agreements. MEDEP's strategic priorities and EPA's national goals for 2014-2018 share similar objectives that achieve the requirements of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act with limited resources. MEDEP and EPA will continue to improve collaboration and integration of joint strategic planning efforts, including resources to achieve the highest overall environmental benefits specific to Maine.

### **B. EPA's Strategic Priorities**

EPA's Strategic Plan charts the course for advancing EPA's priorities and mission to protect human health and the environment. The EPA FY 2014-2018 Strategic Plan<sup>4</sup> ("EPA Plan") was developed in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2011, and identifies the measurable environmental and human health and outcomes the public can expect during the period from 2014-2018 along with describing how EPA intends to achieve those results. The EPA Plan represents a commitment to core values of science, transparency and the rule of law in managing environmental programs.

The EPA Strategic Plan identifies five strategic goals to guide EPA's work:

- Goal 1: Addressing Climate Change and Improving Air quality;
- Goal 2: Protecting America's Waters;
- Goal 3: Cleaning Up Communities and Advancing Sustainable Development;
- Goal 4: Ensuring the Safety of Chemicals and Preventing Pollution; and
- Goal 5: Protecting Human Health and the Environment by Enforcing Laws and Assuring Compliance.

The Plan also sets forth the following four cross-agency strategies which set clear expectations for changing the way EPA does business in achieving results.

- Working towards a sustainable future- Advancing sustainable environmental outcomes and optimize economic and social outcomes through Agency decisions and actions, which include expanding the conversation on environmentalism and engaging a broad range of stakeholders.

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<sup>4</sup> ([https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-09/documents/epa\\_strategic\\_plan\\_fy14-18.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-09/documents/epa_strategic_plan_fy14-18.pdf))

- Working to make a visible difference in communities- Aligning community-based activities to provide seamless assistance to communities, both urban and rural, while maximizing efficiency and results. Expanding support of community efforts to build healthy, sustainable, green neighborhoods and reduce and prevent harmful exposures and health risks to children and underserved, overburdened communities.
- Launching a new era of state, tribal, local and international partners- Strengthening partnerships with states, tribes, local governments, and the global community that are central to the success of the national environmental protection program through consultation, collaboration, and shared accountability. Modernizing the EPA–state relationship, including revitalizing the transformative approach to make environmental information and data more accessible, efficient, and evidence-based through advances in monitoring, reporting, and information technology.
- Embracing EPA as a high-performing organization- Maintaining and attracting EPA’s diverse and engaged workforce of the future with a more collaborative work environment. Modernizing the National Environmental Performance Partnership System and jointly pursuing E-Enterprise, modernizing our business practices, including through E-Enterprise, and take advantage of new tools and technologies. Improving the way we work as a high-performing Agency by ensuring we add value in every transaction with our workforce, our co-regulators, our partners, industry, and the people we serve.

The EPA Strategic Plan prioritizes environmental justice, continuing to focus on urban, rural, and economically disadvantaged communities, to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, race, economic status, or ethnicity, has access to clean water, clean air, and the opportunity to live, work, and play in healthy communities. In addition, the Plan also includes EPA’s Agency Priority Goals (APG), a component of the Administration’s performance management framework which supports improvement in near-term outcomes related to the Strategic Plan. More information on the Agency’s APGs is available at <https://www.performance.gov/>.

### **C. Maine DEP’s Strategic Priorities**

In 2010, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection began to transition from a medium- (or program) based strategic planning model to a framework that stresses functional goals as part of our effort to better integrate multi-media programs and develop the cross-cutting program expertise to better meet our mission to :

- Prevent, abate and control the pollution of air, water and land;
- Preserve, improve and prevent the diminution of the natural environment of the State; and
- Protect and enhance the public’s right to use and enjoy the State’s natural resources.

The current plan has six mutually supportive and interdependent functional goals of equal importance. Spanning the breadth of the Department's operations, these goals play an integral role in ensuring that the Department protects and restores our air, land and water, prevents pollution, promotes healthy communities and natural resources, and delivers effective and efficient services:

- Goal 1- Monitoring and Assessment: Develop the information needed to understand environmental and public health conditions and issues of concern, and support the development of standards that protect or restore the environment and public health.
- Goal 2- Standards Setting: To establish standards that protect environmental and public health; protect and improve environmental quality; and provide guidance to the regulated community and the general public.
- Goal 3- Environmental Stewardship and Pollution Prevention: To provide Maine citizens and regulated entities with information about and support toward preventing, minimizing, or eliminating pollution and improving environmental performance.
- Goal 4- Regulated Activity Oversight: To maintain current and historic information regarding the environmental performance of all regulated entities that is sufficient to understand compliance status and address non-compliance in an evenhanded manner.
- Goal 5- Pollution Response and Environmental Restoration. To respond quickly and effectively to incidents of pollution, and bring necessary resources to bear on the tasks of restoring the environment to its previous state.
- Goal 6- Agency Management: To assure that the DEP's structures, systems, personnel and financial resources are sufficient to implement Maine's environmental laws, provide expected public service, maintain accountability to state and federal funding sources, and improve organizational performance.

## **Chapter 5- Environmental Justice**

### **A. Introduction**

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP), through the FFY 2015 – 2017 Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA), continues to ensure that environmental justice is an integral consideration in the development and implementation of all of its programs.

Maine is committed to the fair treatment of all of its citizens. Article 1. of the Constitution of the State of Maine – [Section 1. Natural rights.] states that “All people are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.” [Section 6-A. Discrimination against persons prohibited.] goes on to state that “No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor be denied the equal protection of the laws, nor be denied the enjoyment of that person's civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof.” It is these laws that lead MEDEP to provide fair and equitable treatment to all Maine citizens in the implementation of federal and state environmental laws, rules, programs, and policies, and in the management of the agency. It is the policy of the Department to, “treat its employees and the public with courtesy, respect and consideration and to be fair and honest in its dealings, and to be mindful of the special qualities that make Maine a unique place to live and work.”

The above statements guide the environmental justice (EJ) work that we do. There is a growing body of evidence that suggests that, in certain instances around the country, minority and lower income citizens or neighborhoods or communities have faced an inequitable share of the risks associated with environmental hazards. The core issue is the fairness in siting, monitoring, and/or clean-up of facilities and the regulation of activities that represent environmental hazards. The documentation on this issue suggests that for a variety of reasons, not necessarily discriminatory by intent, minority and lower income populations have sometimes borne a disproportionate share of the risks from activities which cause air, water, or soil pollution.

Much of our EJ community considerations are based on communities that are socially- and economically-vulnerable. 43% of the population in the Aroostook and Washington counties is of low-income and 20% is over the age of 64. According the EPA’s EJSCREEN Report, the EJ Index for Particulate Matter (PM 2.5), NATA\* Diesel PM, Air Toxics Cancer Risk, and Respiratory Hazard Index for these counties are all above the 80th percentile for the state. This summer, Maine experienced elevated ground-level ozone concentrations and moderate levels of particle pollution. MEDEP is committed to ensuring that vulnerable communities such as the elderly and low-income are made aware of air pollution risks and how to prepare. In addition, there are 9 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems and 2 Superfund sites in these

counties. MEDEP will continue to work to address the disproportionate environmental risks in these and other areas.

MEDEP has a longstanding relationship with the EPA's Brownfields Planning, Site Assessment and Clean-up Grant program. The EJ Index for Hazardous Waste Proximity for the state of Maine is in the 61st percentile for the New England Region. EPA has awarded Maine \$1.795 million in Brownfield grants for FY2017. Since 1997, Maine has received close to \$50 million in competitive grant funding for the Brownfields program, created thousands of jobs and assessed or cleaned up 1,500 acres across the state. With the use of brownfields funds, MEDEP is able to help develop abandoned and unsafe properties in vulnerable communities across the state and to put sites back on the property tax rolls. MEDEP understands the success of this program comes from working together with EPA and the applicants. In addition, The MEDEP works with industry, government and citizens to reduce, beneficially reuse and manage waste. The following example shows how MEDEP has helped an EJ community by cleaning up brownfields. Located along the Mousam River in southwestern Maine, Sanford (population 20,806) has unemployment and poverty rates that are consistently higher than the County and State rates, and the median household income is significantly lower than the County median. Many of the large mills that surround the Mousam River are abandoned and deteriorated, including the former Sanford Mill. It is estimated that there are more than 30 brownfields sites in downtown Sanford. From 2008 until 2011, MEDEP worked with EPA and other stakeholders to conduct an environmental site assessment, clean up the Sanford Mill brownfields site and redevelop the area into housing units and retail/commercial space. The Sanford Mill redevelopment is already helping downtown Sanford achieve its community vision as a livable community based on sustainability, health & wellness, and outdoor recreation.

MEDEP has a very inclusive Public Participation Policy. All individuals and legal entities have a fair and equal opportunity to participate at various points during license application processing. All license application materials are readily available for review Informational meetings are held to inform the public about environmental impacts that are anticipated from a project. Interested persons and any other member of the public may submit written comments, including technical information, at any time during the course of an application's processing.

## **B. Key Project Areas – Looking Ahead**

Looking ahead, MDEP and EPA are committed to enhancing our EJ efforts through a number of initiatives designed to address the unique needs of Maine’s citizens. Potential projects include:

1. *EJ 2020* – Work with EPA Region I and the entire Agency to help EPA and MEDEP environmental justice into everything they do, cultivate strong partnerships to improve on-the-ground results, and chart a path forward for achieving better environmental outcomes and reducing disparities in the nation’s most overburdened communities.
2. *EJSCREEN* – Where appropriate, use EPA’s new environmental justice (EJ) mapping and screening tool called EJSCREEN to help to identify target communities and issues.
3. *Clean Air* – Continue to make sure that vulnerable populations are made aware of the risks associated with elevated ground-level ozone concentrations, moderate levels of particle pollution and any other air contamination. Work to comply with state and federal climate policies to cut the carbon pollution that is driving climate change and to prepare communities for the impacts of climate change. Work with stakeholders to provide the necessary outreach to make members of the EJ community aware of its policies and opportunities to become more resilient.
4. *Resiliency Programming* – In our current work focused on extreme weather, we are working with partner organizations to assess minority and low-income communities’ vulnerability to extremely hazardous substance facilities (CAA 112r), traffic and hazardous waste proximity.
5. *Title VI and Limited English Proficiency* – Continue to ensure that it, as well as its subrecipients, comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as well as Executive Order 13166’s Limited English Proficiency Requirements. (See LEP.gov and EPA’s civil rights webpage for additional information).
6. *Solid and Hazardous Waste* – Continue to work to ensure fairness in siting, monitoring, and/or cleanup of facilities and the regulation of activities that represent environmental hazards.
7. *Title V/Major New Source Review Permitting Programs* – Work with Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit applicants to address potentially disproportionately high and adverse impacts to low income or minority communities during the permit process. Also, continue to promote public involvement, particularly for major permitted activities that may significantly impact overburdened communities.
8. *Clean Water* - Work with EPA to support public water systems and the most vulnerable communities with updating aging water treatment infrastructure, and with reducing stormwater



runoff and ocean dumping off the coast. Continue to take the appropriate steps to reduce exposure to contaminants.

*9. Training* - Work with EPA to host an EJ training that will cover EJSCREEN and Title VI, by December of 2017.

## Appendix B- The 2016-2017 EPA/Maine Priorities and Commitments List with Reopeners

No.	RO (Reopener New, Reopener Revised)	FY 2016 PPA Priorities & Commitments List	FY 2017 PPA Priorities & Commitments List	ME DEP Contacts 207.XXX.XXXX	EPA Contacts 617.918.XXXX
		<b>GOAL 1: ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND IMPROVING AIR QUALITY</b>	<b>GOAL 1: ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND IMPROVING AIR QUALITY</b>		
		<b>Objective 1.1: Address Climate Change</b>	<b>Objective 1.1: Address Climate Change</b>		
		<i>GHG Actions in the Industrial Sector</i>	<i>GHG Actions in the Industrial Sector</i>		
1		As resources allow, work with EPA on the implementation of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule. Activities may include: 1) reviewing a list of ME facilities that may be subject to reporting rule but did not report; 2) answering and/or directing questions from facilities on the rule.	As resources allow, work with EPA on the implementation of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule. Activities may include: 1) reviewing a list of ME facilities that may be subject to reporting rule but did not report; 2) answering and/or directing questions from facilities on the rule.	Sherrie Kelley 287-4852, Sam Krajewski 620- 4796	Manager: Cynthia Greene - 1813, Tech: Shutsu Wong - 1078
2	RR	If not stayed, develop and submit an initial plan or request for a 2-year extension by September 6, 2016. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.11.4 Clean Power Plan, Activity 1.) As appropriate and as resources allow, Maine should participate in EPA organized conference calls, webinars and training activities related to the final Clean Power Plan.	If Maine has received approval for a 2-year extension to submit its final 111(d) plan, by September 6, 2017, provide a progress update. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.11.4 Clean Power Plan, Activity 1.)	Marc Cone 287- 1932, Eric Kennedy 287- 5412, Erle Townsend 287- 6115	Manager: Cynthia Greene - 1813, Tech: Shutsu Wong - 1078
		<b>Objective 1.2: Improve Air Quality</b>	<b>Objective 1.2: Improve Air Quality</b>		
		<i>Ozone, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and CO</i>	<i>Ozone, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and CO</i>	Marc Cone 287- 1932	<b>Senior Program Manager: Dave Conroy -1661</b>
3		Continue participation in EPA's AIRNOW program. Submit real-time pollutant data and provide forecasts and alerts. By Dec 31, 2015, enable real-time notification features of EnviroFlash. As appropriate and as resources allow, attend R1 air quality outreach and forecasting workshop, tentatively planned for Fall 2015, either in person or remotely. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.3 NAAQS Other, Activity 1, and 2.4.4 Ambient Monitoring, Activity 11.)	Continue participation in EPA's AIRNOW program. Submit real-time pollutant data and provide forecasts and alerts. As appropriate and as resources allow, attend R1 air quality outreach and forecasting workshop in 2017, if held, either in person or remotely. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.3 NAAQS Other, Activity 1, and 2.4.4 Ambient Monitoring, Activity 11.)	Andy Johnson 287-7047, Tom Downs 287- 7026, Rick Marinier 215- 7309	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Anne McWilliams - 1697

4		Submit 2014 emissions data for all sectors to EPA's NEI by January 15, 2016. (FY16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.3 NAAQS Other, Activity 5.)	Submit 2015 point source emissions data to EPA's NEI by December 31, 2016 for large, "Type A" sources. (FY16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.3 NAAQS Other, Activity 8.)	Sherrie Kelley 287-4852	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Bob McConnell - 1046
5	RR	Work with EPA on annual update to 4-year SIP Plan and target date for updated plan is April 30, 2016.	Work with EPA on annual update to 4-year SIP Plan and target date for updated plan is April 30, 2017.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	Manager: Anne Arnold - 1047
6		Submit rule revisions or a negative declaration necessary pursuant to EPA's Industrial Cleaning Solvents CTG.		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Ariel Garcia -1660
7	RR	Work with EPA on fulfilling the requirement to submit a RACT SIP for the 2008 ozone standard. SIP is due two years after designation (July 20, 2014) as stated in the implementation rule.		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Anne Arnold - 1047, Tech: Ariel Garcia - 1660
8		<b>Stage II Vapor Recovery:</b> Prepare a quantitative analysis demonstrating: (1) ME is meeting the Stage II or comparable measures requirement; and (2) removal of Stage II controls does not jeopardize continued maintenance of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. Submit this quantitative analysis along with the previously adopted Chapter 118 revisions to EPA as a SIP revision. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.1 NAAQS SIPs, Activity 1.)		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Erle Townsend 287-6115	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Ariel Garcia -1660
9		Submit a transport SIP for the 2008 ozone standard in accordance with EPA guidance. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.1 NAAQS SIPs, Activity 2.)		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Rich Burkhart - 1664
10	RR	-	Submit state recommendations for area designations for the potentially revised ozone NAAQS. Recommendations are due one year after EPA issues a revised NAAQS. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.2 NAAQS Designations, Activity 1.)	Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Downs 287-7026	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Rich Burkhart -1664
10b	RN	-	Pursuant to Multipurpose Grant (MPG) workplan, update state regulation and SIP to incorporate new ozone standards.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Rich Burkhart - 1664

11		Work with EPA to address any remaining issues or deficiencies related to the start-up shutdown, malfunction (SSM) SIP call and the Chapter 101 Visible Emissions rule as submitted on 5/22/2003.	Submit any additional SIP revisions addressing SSM SIP call by Nov. 22, 2016.	Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Jeff Crawford 287-7647	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Alison Simcox -1684
12		Submit infrastructure SIP for the 2012 PM <sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. SIP is due December 2015. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.2 NAAQS SIPs, Activity 2.)		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Alison Simcox -1684
13		As appropriate and as resources allow, attend Northeast Diesel Collaborative Stakeholders Meeting October 27-28, 2015 in Providence, RI.		Eric Kennedy 287- 5412, Lynne Cayting 287-7599	Manager Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Gary Rennie -1525
13b	RN			Eric Kennedy 287- 5412, Lynne Cayting 287-7599	Manager Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Gary Rennie -1525, Abby Swaine - 1841
13c	RN			Sherrie Kelley 287-4852, Bill Longfellow, 287-7883	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Bob McConnell - 1046
		<i>NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub></i>	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	<b>Senior Program Manager: Dave Conroy -1661</b>
14		Continue temporary monitoring study for SO <sub>2</sub> in Eliot, ME until the end of the 1-year study period.		Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
15		Work with NH ARD to prepare a summary of the results of the monitoring study for SO <sub>2</sub> in Eliot, ME.		Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387 Patrick Bird - 1287
16		Develop and submit infrastructure SIP for 2010 SO <sub>2</sub> NAAQS. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.1 SIPs, Activity 2.)		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657

17	RR	Work with EPA to develop a list of source's for which Maine will characterize the ambient air impacts from the source's emissions using either a modeling analysis or ambient monitoring network in accordance with EPA's SO <sub>2</sub> Data Requirements Rule. List of sources shall be submitted to EPA by January 15, 2016. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.1 SIPs, Activity 3.)	By January 13, 2017, submit air quality modeling results for the areas surrounding the sources in the list submitted to EPA. If a monitoring network is used in lieu of a modeling demonstration, Maine shall have the monitoring network operational by January 1, 2017. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.1 SIPs, Activity 3.)	Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Downs 287-7026, Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
18		Develop and submit a Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) SIP, known as the good neighbor provision, for the 2010 NO <sub>2</sub> NAAQS. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.1 SIPs, Activity 2.)		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
		<i>Regional Haze</i>	<i>Regional Haze</i>		<b>Senior Program Manager: Dave Conroy -1661</b>
19		Provide input to EPA's Regional Haze Rule revisions and/or guidance for the second planning period. (FY'16 - 17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.2.4 Regional Haze, Activity 4)	If the MANE-VU states plan on adhering to the current deadline of July 31, 2018 for submission of the next Regional Haze SIP, submit a draft Regional Haze SIP for the second planning period before September 30, 2017.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Downs 287-7026	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Anne McWilliams - 1697
20	RR	Submit the Maine Regional Haze Interim Progress Report SIP due December 9, 2015. (FY'16 - 17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.2.4 Regional Haze, Activity 3.)		Jeff Crawford 287-7647, Tom Downs 287-7026	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Anne McWilliams - 1697
		<i>Title V / NSR Permits</i>	<i>Title V / NSR Permits</i>	Eric Kennedy 287-5412	<b>Senior Program Manager: Dave Conroy -1661</b>
21		During FY'16, ensure that 100 percent of Title V significant modifications are issued within 18 months of receiving a complete permit application. Provide necessary data through the TOPS Tracking Form to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 1 and 2)	During FY'17, ensure that 100 percent of Title V significant modifications are issued within 18 months of receiving a complete permit application. Provide necessary data through the TOPS Tracking Form to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 1 and 2)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
22		During FY'16, ensure that 100 percent of new Title V operating permits are issued within 18 months of receiving a complete permit application. Provide necessary data through the TOPS Tracking Form to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 1 and 2)	During FY'17, ensure that 100 percent of new Title V operating permits are issued within 18 months of receiving a complete permit application. Provide necessary data through the TOPS Tracking Form to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 1 and 2)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657

23		<b>Title V renewals:</b> Document the number of expired Title V permits as of Oct. 1, 2015 and reduce the total universe by 10% during the fiscal year. Provide necessary data through the TOPS Tracking Form to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 1 and 2)	<b>Title V renewals:</b> Document the number of expired Title V permits as of Oct. 1, 2016 and reduce the total universe by 10% during the fiscal year. Provide necessary data through the TOPS Tracking Form to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 1 and 2)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
24		During FY'16, issue all major NSR permits within 12 months of receiving a complete permit application. Provide necessary data to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activity 4)	During FY'17, issue all major NSR permits within 12 months of receiving a complete permit application. Provide necessary data to document the goal every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activity 4)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
25		During FY'16, ensure that data are submitted to EPA's RACT, BACT, LAER Clearinghouse for new major sources and major modifications within 90 days of permit issuance. Provide the data documenting the timeliness of the submissions every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 5 and 6)	During FY'17, ensure that data are submitted to EPA's RACT, BACT, LAER Clearinghouse for new major sources and major modifications within 90 days of permit issuance. Provide the data documenting the timeliness of the submissions every six months. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.3.4 Title V and NSR, Activities 5 and 6)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
26	RR	Submit revised NSR rules to meet new source review reform and infrastructure SIP guidance.		Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Jeff Crawford 287-7647	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
26b	RN			Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Donald Dahl - 1657
		<i>Air Monitoring</i>	<i>Air Monitoring</i>	Andy Johnson 287-7047	<b>Senior Program Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309</b>

27	<p><b>Air Monitoring Network:</b> Submit to EPA by July 1, 2016 the annual air monitoring network plan (40 CFR 58.10). State Plan should be made available for public and EPA review by May 31, 2016 at the latest. The Plan should include ensuring monitoring networks are consistent with the requirements of recent NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, lead and ozone NAAQS rules, in particular. (OAQPS M08)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.4.4 Air Monitoring, and 2016 Ambient Monitoring Appendix found on AMTIC: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/files/policy/2016NPMGuidanceMonitoringAppendix.pdf">www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/files/policy/2016NPMGuidanceMonitoringAppendix.pdf</a>.)</p>	<p><b>Air Monitoring Network:</b> Submit to EPA by July 1, 2017 the annual air monitoring network plan (40 CFR 58.10). State Plan should be made available for public and EPA review by May 31, 2017 at the latest. The Plan should include ensuring monitoring networks are consistent with the requirements of recent NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, lead and ozone NAAQS rules, in particular. (OAQPS M08)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance and 2017 Ambient Air Monitoring Appendix to be found on AMTIC.)</p>	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
28	<p><b>Air Monitoring Network:</b> Operate EPA-approved network (SLAMS, PAMS, PM), enter the air monitoring, precision and accuracy data into AQS within 90 days (180 days for PAMS) of the end of each calendar quarter (40 CFR 58.12, 58.14, &amp; 58.16) (OAQPS M11, OAQPS M12)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.4.4 Air Monitoring, and 2016 Ambient Monitoring Appendix found on AMTIC) and submit the Annual Air Quality Data certification by May 1, 2016 (40 CFR 58.15) (OAQPS M06)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.4.4 Air Monitoring, and 2016 Ambient Monitoring Appendix found on AMTIC).</p>	<p><b>Air Monitoring Network:</b> Operate EPA-approved network (SLAMS, PAMS, PM), enter the air monitoring, precision and accuracy data into AQS within 90 days (180 days for PAMS) of the end of each calendar quarter (40 CFR 58.12, 58.14, &amp; 58.16) (OAQPS M11, OAQPS M12)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.4.4 Air Monitoring and Ambient monitoring Appendix to be found on AMTIC.) and submit the Annual Air Quality Data certification by May 1, 2017 (40 CFR 58.15) (OAQPS M06)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.4.4 Air Monitoring, and Ambient Monitoring Appendix to be found on AMTIC.)</p>	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
29	<p><b>Quality Assurance:</b> Ensure all approved QAPPs are reviewed by November 1, 2015, and confirm this in writing to EPA. Major changes will require a QAPP revision. Ensure adequate, independent QA audits of NAAQS monitors or participate in NPAP and PEP QA programs. (OAQPS M10)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.4.4 Air Monitoring, and 2016 Ambient Monitoring Appendix found on AMTIC.)</p>	<p><b>Quality Assurance:</b> Ensure all approved QAPPs are reviewed by November 1, 2016, and confirm this in writing to EPA. Major changes will require a QAPP revision. Ensure adequate, independent QA audits of NAAQS monitors or participate in NPAP and PEP QA programs. (OAQPS M10)(FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.4.4 Air Monitoring, and 2017 Ambient Monitoring Appendix to be found on AMTIC.)</p>	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
30	<p><b>Toxics Air Monitoring:</b> Continue operation of the toxics air monitoring sites and enter the data into AQS. State should analyze the data collected.(OAQPS M20) (FY'16-17 NPM Guidance: 2.6.4 Air Monitoring for Toxics, and 2016 Ambient Monitoring Appendix found on AMTIC.)</p>	<p><b>Toxics Air Monitoring:</b> Continue operation of the toxics air monitoring sites and enter the data into AQS. State should analyze the data collected. (OAQPS M20) (FY'16-17 NPM Guidance: 2.6.4 Air Monitoring for Toxics, and 2017 Ambient Monitoring Appendix to be found on AMTIC.)</p>	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387

31		<b>Programmatic forum:</b> EPA Region 1 will work with NESCAUM and the states to establish a programmatic forum to discuss ambient air monitoring issues, initiatives and new requirements. Topics to be discussed include implementation of changes due to revised ozone rule, including PAMS, national priorities such as near road monitoring, regional priorities such as wood smoke /elevated PM in areas of concern, and fiscal limitations and constraints.		Andy Johnson 287-7047	
32		<b>Technical forum:</b> EPA Region 1 will help facilitate scheduling of at least one technical forum during FY '16 to help ensure the technical air monitoring staff are properly trained and best practices are shared among all air staff in each State and tribe in EPA Region 1.		Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
33			<b>Air Monitoring Network:</b> Implement requisite changes to air monitoring network consistent with final ozone NAAQS rule from October, 2015. Anticipated changes could include lengthened ozone season and revisions to PAMS program. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance, and Ambient Monitoring Appendix to be found on AMTIC.)	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
34		Investigate and resolve field operational and remote data telemetry issues being experienced with the existing newly deployed continuous PM <sub>2.5</sub> monitors (Beta Attenuation Monitors by Met One) that have resulted in low data capture rates, sometimes below the minimum requirement. Subject to CFR, reduce the frequency of filter-based Federal Reference Method PM <sub>2.5</sub> sampling at the Augusta Lincoln Street School and the Portland Tukey's Bridge sites by changing the current required every third day frequency to an every sixth day frequency without purchasing and installing required continuous PM <sub>2.5</sub> monitors (i.e. two BAMs).		Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
34b	RN			Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
34c	RN			Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
34d	RN			Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387



34e	RN			Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387, Susan Lancey -1656, John Rogan - 1645
34f	RN			Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
34g	RN			Andy Johnson 287-7047	Tech: Bob Judge -8387
		<i>Air Toxics</i>	<i>Air Toxics</i>	Marc Cone 287- 1932	<b>Senior Program Manager: Dave Conroy -1661</b>
35		As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in a regional air toxics workshop if held by EPA Region 1 in FY 2016 to discuss various NESHAP implementation issues.	As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in a regional air toxics workshop if held by EPA Region 1 in FY 2017 to discuss various NESHAP implementation issues.	Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Lisa Higgins 287- 7023	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Susan Lancey - 1656
36		Continue implementation of hazardous air requirements for delegated regulations under section 112, 129, and 111(d), as appropriate, for major sources rules, area source rules, and residual risk rules. (FY'15-16 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.5.4 Air Toxics, Activities 3 & 4.)	Continue implementation of hazardous air requirements for delegated regulations under section 112, 129, and 111(d), as appropriate, for major sources rules, area source rules, and residual risk rules. (FY'15-16 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.5.4 Air Toxics, Activities 3 & 4.)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Tom Graham 287- 7598, Lisa Higgins 287- 7023	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Susan Lancey - 1656
37	RR	During FY 2016, EPA Region 1 will work with Maine to continue outreach activities with wood stove retailers on EPA's new and amended wood heater requirements, and on potential partial and/or temporary delegation options of the wood heater NSPS rules, Subparts QQQQ and AAA.	If ME takes delegation of the wood heater NSPS rules, work with EPA on developing an implementation strategy for enforcing the delegable prohibitions. By Dec 31, 2016, submit a brief summary of implementation activities completed. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.5.4 Air Toxics, Activity 3.)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Tom Graham 287- 7598, Lisa Higgins 287- 7023	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Susan Lancey - 1656
38	RR	Work with EPA in early FY'16 to discuss strategies for addressing wood smoke, as well as potential monitoring activities. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.3 NAAQS Other, Activity 2.)	Pursuant to discussions with EPA, develop a list of wood smoke strategies and monitoring activities that ME DEP will consider pursuing in FY'17 and will incorporate into the FY'17 P&C List. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.1.4.3 NAAQS Other, Activity 2.)	Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Andy Johnson 287- 7047	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Bob Judge -8387, Alison Simcox -1684

39		Review the final revised Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incinerators (CISWI) rule published February 7, 2013, and work with EPA to assess options to fulfill the State Plan requirements. If no facilities exist, submit the appropriate negative declaration to EPA. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.5.4 Air Toxics, Activity 3.)		Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Lisa Higgins 287-7023, Tom Graham 287-7598	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Patrick Bird - 1287
40		Review and comment on the draft 2011 National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) when it is available for comment.	Review and comment on the draft 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) if it is available for comment.	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Susan Lancey - 1656
41		Support EPA's efforts to produce an accurate National Emissions Inventory (NEI) for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). This includes collecting HAP data from sources and reporting this data to EPA's 2014 NEI for HAPs due January 15, 2016. (FY'16-17 OAR NPM Guidance: 2.5.4 Air Toxics, Activity 1.)		Andy Johnson 287-7047	Manager: Anne Arnold -1047, Tech: Bob McConnell - 1046
41b	RN			Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Susan Lancey - 1656
41c	RN			Eric Kennedy 287-5412	Manager: Ida McDonnell - 1653, Tech: Patrick Bird - 1287
		<b>Objective 1.3: Restore and Protect the Ozone Layer</b>	<b>Objective 1.3: Restore and Protect the Ozone Layer</b>		
		No specific PPA related action for the State	No specific PPA related action for the State		
		<b>Objective 1.4: Minimize Exposure to Radiation</b>	<b>Objective 1.4: Minimize Exposure to Radiation</b>		
		No specific PPA related action for the State	No specific PPA related action for the State		
		<b>Objective 1.5: Professional Development</b>	<b>Objective 1.5: Professional Development</b>		
42		<b>Professional Development:</b> As appropriate and as resources allow, ensure managers and staff remain current on air quality issues and activities and engaged with federal, state, tribal and other intergovernmental agencies and groups involved in these program areas via staff participation in workgroups, committees, conferences and training opportunities sponsored by EPA-NE, NESCAUM, MANE-VU and other officially sanctioned organizations. EPA -NE may provide additional funds to support these activities.	<b>Professional Development:</b> As appropriate and as resources allow, ensure managers and staff remain current on air quality issues and activities and engaged with federal, state, tribal and other intergovernmental agencies and groups involved in these program areas via staff participation in workgroups, committees, conferences and training opportunities sponsored by EPA-NE, NESCAUM, MANE-VU and other officially sanctioned organizations. EPA -NE may provide additional funds to support these activities.	Marc Cone 287-1932	Dave Conroy - 1661



No	RO (Reopener New, Reopener Revised)	2016 PPA Priorities & Commitments List	2017 PPA Priorities & Commitments List	ME DEP Contacts 207.XXX.XXXX	EPA Contacts 617.918.XXXX
		<b>GOAL 2: PROTECTING AMERICA'S WATERS</b>	<b>GOAL 2: PROTECTING AMERICA'S WATERS</b>		
		<b>Objective 2.1: Protect Human Health</b>	<b>Objective 2.1: Protect Human Health</b>		
		<i>UIC</i>	<i>UIC</i>	Brian Kavanah 287-7700	<b>Senior Program Manager: Jane Downing-1571</b>
1		Continue to identify and to close or permit identified High Priority Class V Wells. Continue to identify, close, permit or convert motor vehicle waste disposal wells and large capacity cesspools. Continue to report UIC activities (e.g., number of inspections conducted, number of permits issued, number of wells closed, UIC enforcement activity, etc.) to EPA per 7520 forms.	Continue to identify and to close or permit identified High Priority Class V Wells. Continue to identify, close, permit or convert motor vehicle waste disposal wells and large capacity cesspools. Continue to report UIC activities (e.g., number of inspections conducted, number of permits issued, number of wells closed, UIC enforcement activity, etc.) to EPA per 7520 forms.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Enid Mitnik 592-2068	Manager: Denise Springborg- 1681; Reporting: Gevon Solomon-1513
2		Review existing procedures and implement improvements for registering UIC Class V wells. To the extent practical, update the existing data base(s) design to include fields for electronic recording of inventory data in accordance with 40 CFR 144.26(a). Electronically record required inventory data for all newly registered UIC wells.	Review existing procedures and implement improvements for registering UIC Class V wells. To the extent practical, update the existing data base(s) design to include fields for electronic recording of inventory data in accordance with 40 CFR 144.26(a). Electronically record required inventory data for all newly registered UIC wells.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Enid Mitnik 592-2068	Manager: Denise Springborg- 1681; Reporting: Gevon Solomon-1513
		<b>Objective 2.2: Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems</b>	<b>Objective 2.2: Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems</b>		

		<i>Water Monitoring</i>	<i>Water Monitoring</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager Katrina Kipp - 8309</b>
3		Continue implementing final comprehensive water monitoring strategy covering lakes, rivers, estuaries and wetlands. Develop and submit to EPA a draft coastal monitoring plan by January 31, 2016.	Continue implementing final comprehensive water monitoring strategy covering lakes, rivers, estuaries and wetlands. Implement the final coastal monitoring plan.	Don Witherill 215-9751	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309 Tech: Diane Switzer - 9377
4		Conduct statewide probabilistic survey (over multiple years) and assessment of at least one water resource and at least one designated use with applicable water quality standard. Provide schedule and progress report for multi-year surveys and include in IR.	Conduct statewide probabilistic survey (over multiple years) and assessment of at least one water resource and at least one designated use with applicable water quality standard. Provide schedule and progress report for multi-year surveys and include in IR.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Linda Bacon 441-0462	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309 Tech: Diane Switzer - 9377
5		Report on outcomes of monitoring activities using FY2015 106 supplemental funding for monitoring by Dec. 31, 2016, and prepare workplan for FY2016 106 supplemental funds by April 15, 2016.	Report on outcomes of monitoring activities using FY2016 106 supplemental funding for monitoring by Dec. 31, 2017, and prepare workplan for FY2017 106 supplemental funds by April 15, 2017.	Don Witherill 215-9751	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309 Tech: Diane Switzer - 9377
6		As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in New England-wide projects and activities, and attend relevant regional meetings/conferences (e.g., NEAEB, NEERS).	As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in New England-wide projects and activities, and attend relevant regional meetings/conferences (e.g., NEAEB, NEERS).	Don Witherill 215-9751, Leon Tsomides 215- 4787	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309, Tech: Hilary Snook - 8670
7		As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in or coordinate with EPA Office of Water's National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) and submit work plan reflecting level of participation.	As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in or coordinate with EPA Office of Water's National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) and submit work plan reflecting level of participation.	Don Witherill 215-9751	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309, Tech: Hilary Snook - 8670

8		Continue development of biological assessment techniques for lakes/ponds and wetlands.	Continue development of biological assessment techniques for lakes/ponds and wetlands.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Linda Bacon 441-0462	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309, Tech: Hilary Snook - 8670
		<i>303(d)/305(b)</i>	<i>303(d)/305(b)</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Managers: Katrina Kipp - 8309 &amp; Ralph Abele -1629</b>
9		Provide to EPA the final 2014 305(b)/303(d) submissions by December 1, 2015. Provide the 2016 305(b)/303(d) submissions to EPA by April 1, 2016.	Submit any necessary electronic updates to the 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report by April 1, 2017.	Don Witherill 215-9751; Susanne Meidel 441-3612	Senior Program Manager Katrina Kipp - 8309 & Ralph Abele -1629
10		Update the CALM for the 2016 assessments as needed by Oct. 31, 2015.	Update CALM for 2018 assessments as needed by Oct. 31, 2017.	Don Witherill 215-9751; Susanne Meidel 441-3612	Senior Program Manager Katrina Kipp - 8309 & Ralph Abele -1629
11		Continue updates and edits to maintain statewide NHD (1:24K) that has been adopted for water classification, attainment status, monitoring and MePDES and OBD discharge sites.	Continue updates and edits to maintain statewide NHD (1:24K) that has been adopted for water classification, attainment status, monitoring and MePDES and OBD discharge sites.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Becky Schaffner 441-2773	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309 Tech: Diane Switzer - 9377
	RN			Don Witherill 215-9751; Susanne Meidel 441-3612	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309 Tech: Diane Switzer - 9377

		<i>STORET/WQX (Water Quality Exchange)</i>	<i>STORET/WQX (Water Quality Exchange)</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager Katrina Kipp - 8309</b>
12		Provide annual uploads of physical, chemical and biological data to WQX (formerly STORET)	Provide annual uploads of physical, chemical and biological data to WQX (formerly STORET)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Emily Zimmerman 446- 1003	Manager: Katrina Kipp - 8309 Tech: Diane Switzer - 9377
		<i>Water Quality Standards - Biological, Nutrient</i>	<i>Water Quality Standards - Biological, Nutrient</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager: Ralph Abele - 1629</b>
13		Continue efforts toward addressing flow quantity and water level issues through implementation of Chapter 587 to ensure protection of instream waters uses.	Continue efforts toward addressing flow quantity and water level issues through implementation of Chapter 587 to ensure protection of instream waters uses.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Barry Mower 215-0291	Manager & Tech: Ralph Abele -1629
14		Continue ongoing WQS reviews, activities, and work with EPA to resolve outstanding issues. (WQ-03a, WQ-04a)	Continue ongoing WQS reviews, activities, and work with EPA to resolve outstanding issues. (WQ-03a, WQ-04a)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Barry Mower 215-0291	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629, Tech: TBD
15		Work with EPA to facilitate adoption of numeric phosphorus and nitrogen criteria for lakes/ponds/impoundments, rivers/streams, and estuaries at the earliest possible time. (WQ-01a, WQ-01d)	Work with EPA to facilitate adoption of numeric phosphorus and nitrogen criteria for lakes/ponds/impoundments, rivers/streams, and estuaries at the earliest possible time. (WQ-01a, WQ-01d)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Tom Danielson 441- 7430; Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: TBD
16		Provide any necessary schedule updates and progress report on nutrient criteria development to EPA annually, by December 31st. The schedule and progress report shall address the development, proposal and adoption of numeric water quality standards for total phosphorus and total nitrogen for lakes/ponds/impoundments; rivers/streams; and estuaries. (WQ-01)	Provide any necessary schedule updates and progress report on nutrient criteria development to EPA annually, by December 31st. The schedule and progress report shall address the development, proposal and adoption of numeric water quality standards for total phosphorus and total nitrogen for lakes/ponds/impoundments; rivers/streams; and estuaries. (WQ-01)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Tom Danielson 441- 7430; Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: TBD

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		<i>TMDL Development</i>	<i>TMDL Development</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager: Ralph Abele - 1629</b>
17		Work toward completion of any remaining prior year TMDL commitments.	Work toward completion of any remaining prior year TMDL commitments.	Melissa Evers 215-3879, Don Witherill 215-9751	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: Jennie Bridge -1685
18		During FY16, submit for approval a list of 35 listed segments addressed by the NPS TMDL. [Note: 63 TMDLs for 21 listed NPS-impaired segments were submitted and approved by EPA on 8/9/16. DEP has stated intent to submit remaining 14 listed (NPS/SW) segments in the future.]		Don Witherill 215-9751, Melissa Evers 215-3879	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: Jennie Bridge -1685
19		By 07/31/15, provide EPA R1 with a draft list of 303(d) Vision priority waters, scheduled for 2016-2020 timeframe, and electronic data for entry into ATTAINS database by EPA HQ. (WQ27)		Don Witherill 215-9751, Melissa Evers 215-3879	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: Jennie Bridge -1685



20		By 09/30/15, agree on FY16 waterbody commitments for TMDL development (future substitutions allowed), TMDL alternatives, and protection plans, as appropriate. During FY16 and before 09/30/16, submit TMDLs to EPA for review and approval, along with TMDL alternatives and protection plans as per the state's schedule for 303(d) Vision priorities (WQ-27) and other planned activities. (WQ-28)	By 09/30/16, agree on FY17 waterbody commitments for TMDL development (future substitutions allowed), TMDL alternatives, and protection plans, as appropriate. During FY17 and before 09/30/17, submit TMDLs to EPA for review and approval, along with TMDL alternatives and protection plans as per the state's schedule for 303(d) Vision priorities (WQ-27) and other planned activities. (WQ-28)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Melissa Evers 215-3879	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: Jennie Bridge -1685
21		By 11/30/15, complete public review of 303(d) Vision priorities (WQ-27) and other planned activities (WQ-28), and schedule; By 05/31/16, submit to EPA the final list of 303(d) Vision priorities (WQ-27) and other planned activities (WQ-28), schedule, and response to public comments. (EPA anticipates an "open season" in the ATTAINS database to accommodate 303(d) Vision priority updates/revisions circa May 2016.)	Circa fall 2016, if needed, and following public and EPA review, submit electronic data to EPA during the FY17 "open season" in ATTAINS to accommodate any essential revisions to 303(d) Vision priorities (WQ-27) and other planned activities. (WQ-28)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Melissa Evers 215-3879	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: Jennie Bridge -1685
22		If the State chooses to pursue partial credit for progress on priority TMDLs, TMDL alternatives, and protection plans, then notify EPA R1 of milestones achieved (planning, developing) for entry into ATTAINS by October 31, 2016.	If the State chooses to pursue partial credit for progress on priority TMDLs, TMDL alternatives, and protection plans, then notify EPA R1 of milestones achieved (planning, developing) for entry into ATTAINS by October 31, 2017.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Melissa Evers 215-3879	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: Jennie Bridge -1685
23		Participate in Region 1/State/NEIWPC TMDL efforts to improve environmental effectiveness of the TMDL program.	Participate in Region 1/State/NEIWPC TMDL efforts to improve environmental effectiveness of the TMDL program.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Melissa Evers 215-3879	Manager: Ralph Abele -1629 Tech: Jennie Bridge -1685
		<i>Watershed Approach</i>	<i>Watershed Approach</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041</b>
24		Submit a list of water bodies and HUC-12 watersheds to EPA by 9/30/15 that the state is working to fully or partially restore by 2016. (SP-10, SP-11, SP-12)	Submit a list of water bodies and HUC-12 watersheds to EPA by 9/30/16 that the state is working to fully or partially restore by 2017. (SP-10, SP-11, SP-12)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Jeff Dennis 215-6376	Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041 Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566

25		In these priority water bodies and watersheds, work to leverage existing tools and resources such as the state's TMDL, nonpoint source, water quality, permit, SRF, and source water assessment programs to concentrate implementation efforts and to measure improvements. Report progress on restoring these priority waters and watersheds by 1/30/2016. (SP-10, SP-11, SP-12)	In these priority water bodies and watersheds, work to leverage existing tools and resources such as the state's TMDL, nonpoint source, water quality, permit, SRF, and source water assessment programs to concentrate implementation efforts and to measure improvements. Report progress on restoring these priority waters and watersheds by 1/30/2017. (SP-10, SP-11, SP-12)	Don Witherill 215-9751, Jeff Dennis 215-6376	Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041 Tech: Sandra Fanciuillo - 1566
		<i>NPS 319</i>	<i>NPS 319</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041</b>
23		National Guidelines: Use the Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories released on April 12, 2013, to identify eligible activities, program priorities, programmatic conditions, and reporting requirements. At least 50% of 319 funding will be used for watershed-based plan (WBP) implementation. One nine-element WBP per state will be submitted annually to the Region for review; all alternative watershed-based plans will be submitted to the Region for review and approval. States will target 319 funding toward restoration of priority segments, waters bodies or watersheds, and protection of documented high priority healthy and threatened waters.	<b>National Guidelines:</b> Use the Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories released on April 12, 2013, to identify eligible activities, program priorities, programmatic conditions, and reporting requirements. At least 50% of 319 funding will be used for watershed-based plan (WBP) implementation. One nine-element WBP per state will be submitted annually to the Region for review; all alternative watershed-based plans will be submitted to the Region for review and approval. States will target 319 funding toward restoration of priority segments, waters bodies or watersheds, and protection of documented high priority healthy and threatened waters.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277	Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fanciuillo - 1566
24		<b>Attendance at NPS meetings/training:</b> As appropriate and as resources allow, a representative of the state's NPS program is expected to attend NPS and GRTS national and regional meetings convened by EPA unless prevented by state-wide travel bans. States shall utilize s.319 funds to cover travel expenses for NPS program staff to participate in regional and national GRTS training meetings, national NPS conferences, and regional meetings and conferences, unless other state funds are available for this purpose. State work plans should ensure that adequate 319 funding is set aside annually for this purpose.	<b>Attendance at NPS meetings/training:</b> As appropriate and as resources allow, a representative of the state's NPS program is expected to attend NPS and GRTS national and regional meetings convened by EPA unless prevented by state-wide travel bans. States shall utilize s.319 funds to cover travel expenses for NPS program staff to participate in regional and national GRTS training meetings, national NPS conferences, and regional meetings and conferences, unless other state funds are available for this purpose. State work plans should ensure that adequate 319 funding is set aside annually for this purpose.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277	Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fanciuillo - 1566

25		<p><b>Working with USDA and Other Agencies:</b> Continue to work with government agencies to address and improve areas of environmental concerns; e.g., impaired waters, depleted or altered stream flows, etc. Cooperate with USDA through participation on the State Technical Committee to look for opportunities to leverage Farm Bill funds for high priority water restoration projects, including 319-related projects. In FY16 participate in the NRCS Water Quality Initiative. Collaborate on planning for monitoring one small NRCS WQI watershed (contingent upon NRCS providing adequate information to develop a targeted monitoring plan). Coordinate with partners to implement the NWQI monitoring plan contingent on the continued participation and support of NRCS in this initiative.</p>	<p><b>Working with USDA and Other Agencies:</b> Continue to work with government agencies to address and improve areas of environmental concerns; e.g., impaired waters, depleted or altered stream flows, etc. Cooperate with USDA through participation on the State Technical Committee to look for opportunities to leverage Farm Bill funds for high priority water restoration projects, including 319-related projects In FY17, participate in the National Water Quality Initiative with NRCS, identify results from the previous year's participation in it, and identify next steps. Collaborate on planning for monitoring one small NRCS WQI watershed (contingent upon NRCS providing adequate information to develop a targeted monitoring plan). Coordinate with partners to implement the NWQI monitoring plan contingent on the continued participation and support of NRCS in this initiative.</p>	<p>Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277</p>	<p>Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566</p>
26		<p><b>Success Stories:</b> Submit success stories for waterbodies that have been fully or partially delisted in previous years, and/or that show improvement in water quality or demonstrate ecological restoration (Tier 1 {WQ-10}, Tier 2, and Tier 3). To do this, identify water bodies that were recently partially or fully delisted or that demonstrate water quality or habitat improvement, and investigate whether local, state, federal or private NPS mitigation occurred that might make these waterbodies a candidate for a NPS Success Story. Using EPA's guidance (<a href="http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/info.cfm#cat1">http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/info.cfm#cat1</a>), prepare and submit to EPA a success story for all candidate water bodies by June 1st. See <a href="http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/">http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/</a> for examples of success stories and other information.</p>	<p><b>Success Stories:</b> Submit success stories for waterbodies that have been fully or partially delisted in previous years, and/or that show improvement in water quality or demonstrate ecological restoration (Tier 1 {WQ-10}, Tier 2, and Tier 3). To do this, identify water bodies that were recently partially or fully delisted or that demonstrate water quality or habitat improvement, and investigate whether local, state, federal or private NPS mitigation occurred that might make these waterbodies a candidate for a NPS Success Story. Using EPA's guidance (<a href="http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/info.cfm#cat1">http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/info.cfm#cat1</a> ), prepare and submit to EPA a success story for all candidate water bodies by June 1st. See <a href="http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/">http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/</a> for examples of success stories and other information.</p>	<p>Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277</p>	<p>Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566</p>

27		<p><b>GRTS:</b> Within 90 days of receipt of a categorical grant or receipt of final 319 funding under a PPG award, enter into the Grants Reporting Tracking System (GRTS) all 319 grant mandatory data elements except for best management practices data and load reduction model and data. By February 15th, complete annual GRTS reporting by entering all remaining mandatory BMP and load reduction data (if applicable). Provide timely review of national GRTs reports prepared for the state.</p>	<p><b>GRTS:</b> Within 90 days of receipt of a categorical grant or receipt of final 319 funding under a PPG award, enter into the Grants Reporting Tracking System (GRTS) all 319 grant mandatory data elements except for best management practices data and load reduction model and data. By February 15th, complete annual GRTS reporting by entering all remaining mandatory BMP and load reduction data (if applicable). Provide timely review of national GRTs reports prepared for the state.</p>	<p>Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277</p>	<p>Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566</p>
28		<p><b>Annual Report:</b> In accordance with the CWA and following the current Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines, report annually on progress made in implementing the state’s NPS Management Program, including a summary of major accomplishments and completed milestones, a description of 319-funded statewide programs and completed 319-funded watershed projects, a list of active 319 projects with expected completion dates, a brief summary of water quality improvements (e.g. restoration of impaired waters or other notable environmental results) and NPS pollutant load reductions (total phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment reductions for the state, from the previous February’s GRTS reporting). Where information is not yet available on load reductions and water quality improvement where implementation is underway, surrogate measures of environmental progress should be used.</p>	<p><b>Annual Report:</b> In accordance with the CWA and following the current Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines, report annually on progress made in implementing the state’s NPS Management Program, including a summary of major accomplishments and completed milestones, a description of 319-funded statewide programs and completed 319-funded watershed projects, a list of active 319 projects with expected completion dates, a brief summary of water quality improvements (e.g. restoration of impaired waters or other notable environmental results) and NPS pollutant load reductions (total phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment reductions for the state, from the previous February’s GRTS reporting). Where information is not yet available on load reductions and water quality improvement where implementation is underway, surrogate measures of environmental progress should be used.</p>	<p>Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277</p>	<p>Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566</p>
29		<p><b>Work Plan:</b> Submit an annual work plan that is responsive to Regional guidance and that describes 319-related work, including how the state is organized to implement the NPS management plan and achieve its broad goals (e.g., staffing, training, technology transfer, financial assistance, public outreach, etc.), as well as proposed projects and activities for the year consistent with management plan priorities and milestones.</p>	<p><b>Work Plan:</b> Submit an annual work plan that is responsive to Regional guidance and that describes 319-related work, including how the state is organized to implement the NPS management plan and achieve its broad goals (e.g., staffing, training, technology transfer, financial assistance, public outreach, etc.), as well as proposed projects and activities for the year consistent with management plan priorities and milestones.</p>	<p>Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277</p>	<p>Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566</p>

30		<b>Progress and Performance Review:</b> EPA will use information provided by the state (annual report, workplan, GRTS entry, success stories) to determine whether the State has made satisfactory progress in implementing its NPS Management Program in accordance with CWA Section 319(h)(8). If appropriate, EPA will request additional information to assist with the determination. EPA will complete an annual checklist on Progress and Performance and document its findings.	<b>Progress and Performance Review:</b> EPA will use information provided by the state (annual report, workplan, GRTS entry, success stories) to determine whether the State has made satisfactory progress in implementing its NPS Management Program in accordance with CWA Section 319(h)(8). If appropriate, EPA will request additional information to assist with the determination. EPA will complete an annual checklist on Progress and Performance and document its findings.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277	Manager: Johanna Hunter - 1041, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566
		<i>NPDES Development</i>	<i>NPDES Development</i>	Brian Kavanah 287-7700	<b>Senior Program Managers: David Webster -1791</b>
31		EPA will ensure that DEP is notified of draft policies and regulations that may impact licensing, compliance, and enforcement activities.	EPA will ensure that DEP is notified of draft policies and regulations that may impact licensing, compliance, and enforcement activities.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Managers: David Webster 1791
32		The State will continue its progress to reduce and maintain the non-stormwater NPDES permit backlog to a level of no greater than 10 %.		Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Managers: David Webster 1791
33		The State will make every effort to assure that it will issue and maintain current the "Priority Permits" that it has identified for each fiscal year since FY 05. The State will participate in identifying priority permits. The target number of priority permits for issuance in FY2016 will be identified in the last months of FY2015 - with approximately 2 priority permits for FY16.	The State will make every effort to assure that it will issue and maintain current the "Priority Permits" that it has identified for each fiscal year since FY 05. The State will participate in identifying priority permits. The target number of priority permits for issuance in FY2017 will be identified in the last months of FY2016 - with approximately 2 priority permits for FY17.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Managers: David Webster 1791
34		Perform 2 audits and 4 PCI's of the 11 pre-treatment facilities. EPA may, in coordination with DEP, perform PCIs, Audits, IU inspections and both informal and formal enforcement and will copy DEP on all reports. EPA will coordinate with DEP on all such actions.	Perform 2 audits and 4 PCI's of the 11 pre-treatment facilities. EPA may, in coordination with DEP, perform PCIs, Audits, IU inspections and both informal and formal enforcement and will copy DEP on all reports. EPA will coordinate with DEP on all such actions.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Senior Program Manager: Mark Spinale -1547; Tech: Jay Pimpare -1531

35		Note: EPA removed the item regarding issuing CAFO permits since MEDEP issued the CAFO permits.	Note: EPA removed the item regarding issuing CAFO permits since MEDEP issued the CAFO permits.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: David Webster -1577,
36		Note: EPA removed the item regarding issuing CAFO permits since MEDEP issued the CAFO permits.	Note: EPA removed the item regarding issuing CAFO permits since MEDEP issued the CAFO permits.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, David Ladd 215-7168, Gregg Wood 287- 7693	Manager: David Webster -1577,
		Reissue Industrial Storm Water GP that expires on 4/25/16, if not issued in FY2015.	Reissue Industrial Storm Water GP that expires on 4/25/16, if not issued in FY2015.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: David Webster -1577, Tech: Thelma Murphy -1615
37		Submit to EPA a strategy for reissuance of Construction Storm Water GP that expired 1/20/08, including in the reissued permit any new ELGs for the Construction and Development industry. Then reissue Construction Storm Water GP if not issued in FY2015.	Reissue Construction Storm Water GP that expired 1/20/08, including any new ELGs for the Construction and Development industry, if not issued in FY2016.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Mike Mullen 446-1611	Manager: David Webster -1577,
38		Continue to implement delegated NPDES storm water program, including Phase II MS4 permits, construction permits, and industrial permits.	Continue to implement delegated NPDES storm water program, including Phase II MS4 permits, construction permits, and industrial permits.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Mike Mullen 446-1611, David Ladd 215- 7168	Manager: David Webster -1577, Tech: Thelma Murphy -1615
39		Implement Action Item: When developing new MS4 permits, document state's ability to fulfill all requirements specified in federal MS4 regulatory requirements under either MCGP or Chapter 500, Stormwater Management, or directly in the MS4 permit.	Implement Action Item: When developing new MS4 permits, document state's ability to fulfill all requirements specified in federal MS4 regulatory requirements under MCGP or Chapter 500, Stormwater Management, or directly in the MS4 permit.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Brian Kavanah 287- 7700, David Ladd 215-7168	Manager: David Webster -1577, Tech: Thelma Murphy -1615
40		As priorities and resources allow, implement Action Item: DEP and EPA will take the necessary steps to obtain authorization to regulate cooling water intake structures	As priorities and resources allow, implement Action Item: DEP and EPA will take the necessary steps to obtain authorization to regulate cooling water intake structures	Gregg Wood 287- 7693, Brian Kavanah 287- 7700, Pam Parker 287-7905	Manager: David Webster -1791

41		As resources permit, provide draft and final general permits on public web-site. Make available state-issued GPs, the covered GP permittees, the dates of authorization for each permittee, and possibly the NOIs for each GP.	As resources permit, provide draft and final general permits on public web-site. Make available state-issued GPs, the covered GP permittees, the dates of authorization for each permittee, and possibly the NOIs for each GP.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: David Webster -1791
42		As priorities and resources allow, work with EPA to complete an acceptable and current application for NPDES authorization CWA 316(b), including appropriate rules, (all Maine MEPDES rules updated to be consistent with federal requirements), an updated Program Description, a revised NPDES MOA, and a updated AG Statement.	As priorities and resources allow, work with EPA to complete an acceptable and current application for NPDES authorization CWA 316(b), including appropriate rules, (all Maine MEPDES rules updated to be consistent with federal requirements), an updated Program Description, a revised NPDES MOA, and a updated AG Statement.	Gregg Wood 287-7693, Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Pam Parker 287-7905	Manager: David Webster -1791
43		Participate in a EPA-conducted Permit Quality Review (PQR) of selected ME DEP NPDES permits based on EPA guidance during FY2015 and/or FY2016.	Participate in a EPA-conducted Permit Quality Review (PQR) of selected ME DEP NPDES permits based on EPA guidance during FY2015 and/or FY2016.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: David Webster -1791
44		After DEP's CWA §316(b) implementation rules are approved by EPA, for permittees subject to CWA §316(b), ME DEP will provide timely information to the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Services (NOAA and USFWS), or to EPA to forward to the Services, including permit applications for a 60 day review, as provided in the new Cooling Water Intake Structure (CWIS) Existing Facility Rule. Prior to EPA approval of Maine's implementation rules, DEPs obligation under this requirement is limited to providing any cooling water discharge applications to EPA as they may trigger 316(b) requirements.	After DEP's CWA §316(b) implementation rules are approved by EPA, for permittees subject to CWA §316(b), ME DEP will provide timely information to the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Services (NOAA and USFWS), or to EPA to forward to the Services, including permit applications for a 60 day review, as provided in the new Cooling Water Intake Structure (CWIS) Existing Facility Rule. Prior to EPA approval of Maine's implementation rules, DEPs obligation under this requirement is limited to providing any cooling water discharge applications to EPA as they may trigger 316(b) requirements.	Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: David Webster -1791
	RN			Charlene Moore 485-2920	Manager: Denny Dart - 1850 Technical: Neil Handler - 1334
		<i>Wetlands</i>	<i>Wetlands</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager Jackie Leclair - 1549</b>

45		Continue administration of the In-lieu fee mitigation program	Continue administration of the In-lieu fee mitigation program	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Mike Mullen 446-1611	Manager: Jackie Leclair -1549, Tech: Mark Kern-1589
46		Continue to participate in EPA's National Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment Work Group, including travel to national meetings, as funding and state travel restrictions permit.	Continue to participate in EPA's National Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment Work Group, including travel to national meetings, as funding and state travel restrictions permit.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345	Manager: Jackie Leclair -1549, Tech: Beth Alafat-1399
47		As appropriate and as resources allow, continue to participate in the NEBAWWG, NEAEB, NEERS, NEIWPC biological monitoring and assessment efforts.	As appropriate and as resources allow, continue to participate in the NEBAWWG, NEAEB, NEERS, NEIWPC biological monitoring and assessment efforts.	Don Witherill 215- 9751; Jeanne DiFranco 699- 8345	Manager: Jackie Leclair -1549, Tech: Beth Alafat-1399
48		Continue to implement and expand wetlands monitoring and assessment component of statewide comprehensive surface water monitoring program. Continue development of water quality standards for wetlands.	Continue to implement and expand wetlands monitoring and assessment component of statewide comprehensive surface water monitoring program. Continue development of water quality standards for wetlands.	Don Witherill 215-9751; Jeanne DiFranco 699- 8345	Manager: Jackie Leclair -1549, Tech: Beth Alafat-1399
49		As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in annual meeting with EPA to discuss progress of the state wetland program, WPDG's, and Wetland Program Plan.	As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in annual meeting with EPA to discuss progress of the state wetland program, WPDG's, and Wetland Program Plan.	Mike Mullen 446-1611, Jeanne DiFranco 699- 8345	Manager: Jackie Leclair -1549, Tech: Trish Garrigan - 1583
50		Support the Region 1 wetland program priority in 2016 and 2017: Ensure that wetland complexes of high ecological value, blocks of unfragmented habitat, and/or areas that provide resilience for wetland impacts from climate change are protected, and that natural stream flow regimes and riparian corridors are maintained and connected to protect aquatic resources across New England.	Support the Region 1 wetland program priority in 2016 and 2017: Ensure that wetland complexes of high ecological value, blocks of unfragmented habitat, and/or areas that provide resilience for wetland impacts from climate change are protected, and that natural stream flow regimes and riparian corridors are maintained and connected to protect aquatic resources across New England.	Mike Mullen 446-1611, Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345	Manager: Jackie Leclair -1549, Tech: Trish Garrigan - 1583
51		Ensure that progress and final reports for any Wetland Program Development Grants are transmitted to the wetland program in addition to the relevant Project Officer.	Ensure that progress and final reports for any Wetland Program Development Grants are transmitted to the wetland program in addition to the relevant Project Officer	Mike Mullen 446-1611, Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345	Manager: Jackie Leclair -1549, Tech: Trish Garrigan - 1583



		<i>Dredged Material Management</i>	<i>Dredged Material Management</i>	Mark Bergeron 215-4397	<b>Senior Program Manager: Mel Coté - 1553</b>
53		As appropriate and as resources allow, participate on State Dredging Team to coordinate with ME Coastal Program and other relevant federal and state agencies that regulate dredging and dredged material disposal in Maine coastal waters.	As appropriate and as resources allow, participate on State Dredging Team to coordinate with ME Coastal Program and other relevant federal and state agencies that regulate dredging and dredged material disposal in Maine coastal waters.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Robert Green 615-2214, Marybeth Richardson 592- 1692	Manager: Mel Cote -1553, Tech: Olga Guza -1542
54		Coordinate with the Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, and the state of New Hampshire, on planning and regulatory activities associated with dredging and dredged material management, including the possible designation of a long-term ocean dredged material disposal site to serve the NH-southern Maine coastal region.	Coordinate with the Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, and the state of New Hampshire, on planning and regulatory activities associated with dredging and dredged material management, including the possible designation of a long-term ocean dredged material disposal site to serve the NH-southern Maine coastal region.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Robert Green 615-2214, Marybeth Richardson 592- 1692	Manager: Mel Cote -1553, Tech: Olga Guza -1542
		<i>No Discharge Zones</i>	<i>No Discharge Zones</i>	Brian Kavanah 287-7700	<b>Senior Program Manager: Mel Coté - 1553</b>
55		Implement outreach and enforcement strategies in support of current NDZs (Casco Bay, Kennebunk/Kennebunkport/Wells, Boothbay Harbor, western Penobscot Bay, southern MDI), and future NDZs.	Implement outreach and enforcement strategies in support of current NDZs (Casco Bay, Kennebunk/Kennebunkport/Wells, Boothbay Harbor, western Penobscot Bay, southern MDI), and future NDZs.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397	Manager: Mel Cote -1553, Tech: Ann Rodney -1538
56		Coordinate with ME Coastal Program to seek EPA approval of NDZ for Kittery/York and identify additional areas on the coast for future NDZ designation.	Coordinate with ME Coastal Program to seek EPA approval of NDZ for Kittery/York and identify additional areas on the coast for future NDZ designation.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397	Manager: Mel Cote -1553, Tech: Ann Rodney -1538
		<i>Beaches</i>	<i>Beaches</i>	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Colin Clark 441-7419	<b>Senior Program Manager: Mel Coté - 1553</b>

57		As resources are available, implement beach monitoring program, including meeting performance criteria established by federal BEACH Act to remain eligible for FY16 Beach grant.	As resources are available, implement beach monitoring program, including meeting performance criteria established by federal BEACH Act to remain eligible for FY17 Beach grant.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Colin Clark 441-7419	Manager: Mel Cote -1553, Tech: Alicia Grimaldi - 1806
		Coordinating with the designated state Department of Health if necessary, adopt new or revised recreational water quality standards by 2016 as required for the state to remain eligible for the FY16 beach program grant.	Coordinating with the designated state Department of Health if necessary, adopt new or revised recreational water quality standards by 2016 as required for the state to remain eligible for the FY17 beach program grant.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Melissa Evers 215-3879	
58		As resources are available, coordinate with Maine Cooperative Extension when necessary to investigate/enforce chronic beach closures due to bacteria. If state funding/staffing constraints become an issue, DEP will notify EPA and discuss strategies to address the shortfall.	As resources are available, coordinate with Maine Cooperative Extension when necessary to investigate/enforce chronic beach closures due to bacteria. If state funding/staffing constraints become an issue, DEP will notify EPA and discuss strategies to address the shortfall.	Mark Bergeron 215-4397, Colin Clark 441-7419	Manager: Mel Cote -1553, Tech: Alicia Grimaldi - 1806
		<i>National Estuary Program</i>	<i>National Estuary Program</i>	Don Witherill 215-9751	<b>Senior Program Manager: Mel Coté-1553</b>
59		EPA to provide administrative, technical, and financial support to the National Estuary Programs in your state.	EPA to provide administrative, technical, and financial support to the National Estuary Programs in your state.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Mel Cote, -1553, Tech: Margherita Pryor, -1597
60		EPA to disseminate national and regional guidance and award grants and cooperative agreements in a timely fashion.	EPA to disseminate national and regional guidance and award grants and cooperative agreements in a timely fashion.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Norm Marcotte 215- 6277	Manager: Mel Cote, -1553, Tech: Margherita Pryor, -1597
61		As appropriate and as resources allow, provide technical assistance and information to committees of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, as requested by the committees, and support implementation of Casco Bay CCMP.	As appropriate and as resources allow, provide technical assistance and information to committees of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, as requested by the committees, and support implementation of Casco Bay CCMP.	Don Witherill 215-9751, Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Mel Cote -1553, Tech: Matt Liebman -1626

RO (Reopener New, Reopener Revised)	GOAL 3: CLEANING UP COMMUNITIES AND ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	GOAL 3: CLEANING UP COMMUNITIES AND ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
	<b>Objective 3.1: Promote Sustainable and Livable Communities</b>	<b>Objective 3.1: Promote Sustainable and Livable Communities</b>		
	<i>Environmental Justice</i>	<i>Environmental Justice</i>	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	<b>Senior Program Manager: Sharon Wells - 1007</b>
1	In coordination with EPA New England, identify any ongoing and implement new activities that will advance environmental justice within state programs. Continue to participate in the EJ state quarterly calls. Document EJ success stories and activities and share with the community as resources allow.	In coordination with EPA New England, identify any ongoing and implement new activities that will advance environmental justice within state programs. Continue to participate in the EJ state quarterly calls. Document EJ success stories and activities and share with the community as resources allow.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	Manager: Sharon Wells- 1007 Tech: Deborah Brown-1706
	<b>Objective 3.2: Preserve Land</b>	<b>Objective 3.2: Preserve Land</b>		
	<i>Sustainable Materials Management</i>	<i>Sustainable Materials Management</i>	George MacDonald 287- 2870	<b>Senior Program Manager: Thomas D'Avanzo - 1801</b>
2	ME will continue to work on projects that reduce or divert municipal solid waste from disposal while supporting a sustainable materials approach. This approach, emphasizing the value of materials, will lead to increasing source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. As part of this work, the state will evaluate entering solid waste data into the State/EPA SMM Data Measurement pilot.	ME will continue to work on projects that reduce or divert municipal solid waste from disposal while supporting a sustainable materials approach. This approach, emphasizing the value of materials, will lead to increasing source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. As part of this work, the state will evaluate entering solid waste data into the State/EPA SMM Data Measurement pilot.	George MacDonald 287- 2870, Carole Cifrino 485-8160	<b>Senior Program Manager: Thomas D'Avanzo - 1801</b>

		<i>RCRA Authorization</i>	<i>RCRA Authorization</i>	Scott Whittier 287-7674	<b>Senior Program Manager: Beth Deabay - 1343</b>
3		Submit final authorization application for LDR, the manifest rule and updates to the TC rule (approximately 40+ rules). Any changes to the current RCRA regulations, including an explanation of any impacts on the current RCRA base program, will be included with draft regulations for EPA review.	Submit final authorization application for LDR, the manifest rule and updates to the TC rule (approximately 40+ rules). Any changes to the current RCRA regulations, including an explanation of any impacts on the current RCRA base program, will be included with draft regulations for EPA review.	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343, Tech: Sharon Leitch -1647
		<i>RCRA Permit Renewals</i>	<i>RCRA Permit Renewals</i>	Scott Whittier 287-7674	<b>Senior Program Manager: Beth Deabay - 1343</b>
4		<i>Renew two (2) TSDf permits on 14-18 permit renewal baseline. (HWO)</i>	<i>Renew zero (0) TSDf permits on 14-18 permit renewal baseline. (HWO)</i>	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Stacy Ladner 287-2651	<b>Manager: Beth Deabay -1343, Tech: Sharon Leitch -1647</b>
		<i>UST</i>	<i>UST</i>	Scott Whittier 287-7674	<b>Senior Program Manager: Beth Deabay -1343</b>
		<i>STAG funds are included in the PPG to cover costs for UST Program activities that are ineligible with LUST Prevention (LP) Funds. LP funds are not PPG eligible - funds are in separate cooperative agreement.</i>	<i>STAG funds are included in the PPG to cover costs for UST Program activities that are ineligible with LUST Prevention (LP) Funds. LP funds are not PPG eligible - funds are in separate cooperative agreement.</i>		
5		Improve UST Operational Compliance: (a) Perform state lead field inspections to determine significant operational compliance.	Improve UST Operational Compliance: (a) Perform state lead field inspections to determine significant operational compliance.	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Diana McLaughlin 287- 7856	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343, Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307

6	Improve UST Operational Compliance: (b) continue to improve operational compliance .5% over rate of previous year. (ACS Code: ST6 / 3.2)	Improve UST Operational Compliance: (b) continue to improve operational compliance .5% over rate of previous year. (ACS Code: ST6 / 3.2)	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Diana McLaughlin 287-7856	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343 Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307
7	Continue to inspect regulated UST facilities at least once every 3 years.	Continue to inspect regulated UST facilities at least once every 3 years.	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Diana McLaughlin 287-7856	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343 Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307
8	Work toward reducing the number of Confirmed UST Releases Annually - Regional target of <300 (<4% of National total). (ACS Code: ST1 / 3.2)	Work toward reducing the number of Confirmed UST Releases Annually - Regional target of <300 (<4% of National total). (ACS Code: ST1 / 3.2)	David Burns 287-7166	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343 Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307
9	Continue toward the requirement that all federally-regulated UST operators are trained.	Continue toward the requirement that all federally-regulated UST operators are trained.	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Diana McLaughlin 287-7856	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343 Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307
10	Post USTCA public record which includes: the number, sources, and causes of underground storage tank releases; the record of compliance by USTs; and data on the number of UST equipment failures in State.	Post USTCA public record which includes: the number, sources, and causes of underground storage tank releases; the record of compliance by USTs; and data on the number of UST equipment failures in State.	David Burns 287-7166	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343 Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307
	<b>Objective 3.3: Restore Land</b>	<b>Objective 3.3: Restore Land</b>		
	<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	Peter Blanchard 287-7190	<b>Senior Program Manager: Carol Tucker - 1221</b>
12	EPA will continue to work with the New England states on Homeland Security and emergency response readiness issues through routine, day-to-day coordination and the existing Regional Response Team mechanism.	EPA will continue to work with the New England states on Homeland Security and emergency response readiness issues through routine, day-to-day coordination and the existing Regional Response Team mechanism.	Peter Blanchard 287-7190	Managers: Bill Lovely -1240, Ted Bazenas - 1230

		<i>RCRA Training &amp; Meetings</i>	<i>RCRA Training &amp; Meetings</i>	Scott Whittier 287-7674	<b>Senior Program Manager: Beth Deabay - 1343</b>
13		As appropriate and as resources allow, attend EPA sponsored regional and national RCRA meetings and training. as appropriate.	As appropriate and as resources allow, attend EPA sponsored regional and national RCRA meetings and training. as appropriate.	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343, Tech: Sharon Leitch - 1647
		<i>Corrective Action Sites</i>	<i>Corrective Action Sites</i>	Scott Whittier 287-7674	<b>Senior Program Manager: Beth Deabay -1343</b>
14		Achieve Human Exposures Controlled Under Current Conditions at two (2) facilities. (CA1)	Achieve Human Exposures Controlled Under Current Conditions at one (1) facility.	Scott Whittier 287-7674,Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354
15		Achieve Contaminated Ground Water Migration Under Control at two (2) facilities. (CA2)	Achieve Contaminated Ground Water Migration Under Control at two (2) facilities. (CA2)	Scott Whittier 287-7674,Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354
16		Achieve site-wide Remedy Selection at two (2) facilities.	Achieve site-wide Remedy Selection at two (2) facilities.	Scott Whittier 287-7674,Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354
17		Achieve Construction Complete at two (2) facilities. (CA5)	Achieve Construction Complete at two (2) facilities. (CA5)	Scott Whittier 287-7674,Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354

18		Assessment of financial assurance current status for all new remedies.	Assessment of financial assurance current status for all new remedies.	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354
19		Verify adequacy of financial assurance instrument for all remedies.	Verify adequacy of financial assurance instrument for all remedies.	Scott Whittier 287-7674, Stacy Ladner 287-2651	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354
		<i>LUST</i>	<i>LUST</i>	Dave Burns 287-7166	<b>Senior Program Manager: Beth Deabay -1343</b>
		<i>Not PPG eligible - funds are in separate LUST Trust Cooperative Agreement.</i>	<i>Not PPG eligible - funds are in separate LUST Trust Cooperative Agreement.</i>		
20		Contribute to the national target for reducing the percent of open sites awaiting cleanup at LUST facilities (target is 13%). Annually, reduce the number of confirmed releases not yet cleaned up by 1 percent. (ACS Code: 111 / 3.3)	Contribute to the national target for reducing the percent of open sites awaiting cleanup at LUST facilities (target is 13%). Annually, reduce the number of confirmed releases not yet cleaned up by 1 percent. (ACS Code: 111 / 3.3)	Dave Burns 287-7166	Manager: Beth Deabay -1343, Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307
21		Contribute to the national target for annual cleanups completed of releases from leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) (target is 8,600). Specific number of LUST cleanups completed for Maine in FY16 will be negotiated separately. (ACS Code: 112 / 3.3)	Contribute to the national target for annual cleanups completed of releases from leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) (target is 8,600). Specific number of LUST cleanups completed for Maine in FY17 will be negotiated separately. (ACS Code: 112 / 3.3)	Dave Burns 287-7166	<b>Manager: Beth Deabay -1343, Tech: Kim Schweisberg - 1307</b>

No.	RO (Reopener New, Reopener Revised)	2016 PPA Priorities & Commitments List	2017 PPA Priorities & Commitments List	ME DEP Contacts 207.XXX.XXXX	EPA Contacts 617.918.XXXX
		<b>GOAL 4: ENSURING THE SAFETY OF CHEMICALS AND PREVENTING POLLUTION</b>	<b>GOAL 4: ENSURING THE SAFETY OF CHEMICALS AND PREVENTING POLLUTION</b>		
		<b>Objective 4.1: Ensure Chemical Safety</b>	<b>Objective 4.1: Ensure Chemical Safety</b>		
		<i>Lead Program</i>	<i>Lead Program</i>	David Wright 446-4366	<b>Senior Program Manager: Sharon Hayes - 1328</b>
1		Maintain ME State Lead Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	Maintain ME State Lead Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	David Wright 446-4366, Jamie Tansey 287-7722	Manager: Sharon Hayes - 1328 Tech: James Bryson - 1524
	RN			David Wright 446-4366	Manager: Sharon Hayes - 1328 Tech: James Bryson - 1524
		<i>Asbestos Program</i>	<i>Asbestos Program</i>	David Wright 446-4366	<b>Senior Program Manager: Sharon Hayes - 1328</b>



2		Maintain ME State Asbestos Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	Maintain ME State Asbestos Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	David Wright 446-4366, Jamie Tansey 287-7722	Manager: Sharon Hayes - 1328 Tech: Jonathan Britt - 1563
		<b>Objective 4.2: Promote Pollution Prevention</b>	<b>Objective 4.2: Promote Pollution Prevention</b>		
3		As appropriate and as resources allow, as a follow up to the June OES planning meeting, participate in the fall New England Pollution Prevention and Assistance Forum.	As appropriate and as resources allow, as a follow up to the June OES planning meeting, participate in the fall New England Pollution Prevention and Assistance Forum.	Leslie Anderson 287-2821	Manager: Tom D'Avanzo 8- 1801

	RO (Reopener New, Reopener Revised)	GOAL 5: PROTECTING HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY ENFORCING LAWS AND ASSURING COMPLIANCE	GOAL 5: PROTECTING HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY ENFORCING LAWS AND ASSURING COMPLIANCE		
		<b>Objective 5.1: Enforce Environmental Laws to Achieve Compliance</b>	<b>Objective 5.1: Enforce Environmental Laws to Achieve Compliance</b>		
1		Submit annual Compliance Plans containing descriptions of the state's, assistance and innovative programs, including projections for priority activities.	Submit annual Compliance Plans containing descriptions of the state's, assistance and innovative programs, including projections for priority activities.	Peter Carney 287-4305	Manager: Tom D'Avanzo 8-1801
2		Submit annual End of Year 2015 report on Compliance, assistance and innovation program accomplishments, activities and results.	Submit annual End of Year 2015 report on Compliance, assistance and innovation program accomplishments, activities and results.	Peter Carney 287-4305	Manager: Tom D'Avanzo 8-1801
3		Identify/address/resolve HPVs in accordance with EPA's Timely and Appropriate Enforcement Response to High Priority Violators (the HPV policy), August 2014. Inform the EPA Region 1 liaison in person, by phone, or by email within 45 days of identifying/addressing/ resolving an HPV.	Identify/address/resolve HPVs in accordance with EPA's Timely and Appropriate Enforcement Response to High Priority Violators (the HPV policy), August 2014. Inform the EPA Region 1 liaison in person, by phone, or by email within 45 days of identifying/addressing/ resolving an HPV.	Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Kurt Tidd 287-9064	Manager: Steve Rapp -1551

4		<p>Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) that are currently required by rule to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. Once the e-Reporting Rule is promulgated, Maine DEP will comply with the reporting requirements of the rule.</p> <p>For a list of CAA required data elements, see <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-minimum-data-requirements-mdrs-cao-stationary-sources-compliance">http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-minimum-data-requirements-mdrs-cao-stationary-sources-compliance</a></p> <p>For a list of RCRA required data elements, see: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/waste/inforesources/data/index.htm">http://www.epa.gov/waste/inforesources/data/index.htm</a></p> <p>For a list of CWA currently required data elements, see: <a href="http://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/data-entry-requirements">http://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/data-entry-requirements</a>. If, and when, the proposed electronic reporting rule is finalized, the MEDEP must satisfy the required MDRs listed in the new rule. For a list of MDRs in the proposed rule see: <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-30/pdf/2013-17551.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-30/pdf/2013-17551.pdf</a> (TABLE 2—REQUIRED NPDES DATA) (this list will become applicable only when it is promulgated in rule and only in accordance with the timelines specified in the final rule)</p>	<p>Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) that are currently required by rule to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. Once the e-Reporting Rule is promulgated, Maine DEP will comply with the reporting requirements of the rule.</p> <p>For a list of CAA required data elements, see <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-minimum-data-requirements-mdrs-cao-stationary-sources-compliance">http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-minimum-data-requirements-mdrs-cao-stationary-sources-compliance</a></p> <p>For a list of RCRA required data elements, see: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/waste/inforesources/data/index.htm">http://www.epa.gov/waste/inforesources/data/index.htm</a></p> <p>For a list of CWA currently required data elements, see: <a href="http://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/data-entry-requirements">http://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/data-entry-requirements</a>. If, and when, the proposed electronic reporting rule is finalized, the MEDEP must satisfy the required MDRs listed in the new rule. For a list of MDRs in the proposed rule see: <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-30/pdf/2013-17551.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-30/pdf/2013-17551.pdf</a> (TABLE 2—REQUIRED NPDES DATA) (this list will become applicable only when it is promulgated in rule and only in accordance with the timelines specified in the final rule)</p>	<p>Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Jeff Crawford 287-7647</p> <p>Scott Whittier 287-7674 Sterling Pierce 287-4868, David Ladd 215-7168, Mike Mullen 446-1611, Brian Kavanahn 287-7700, Mark Bergeron 215-4397</p>	<p>Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371</p> <p>Manager: Denny Dart 1850</p>
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5		<p>As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, 2016, submit a draft FY17 Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan.</p> <p>By September 30, 2016 submit a final FY17 Compliance Monitoring Plans for CAA, RCRA and CWA containing descriptions of the state's compliance program including projections for inspections and other priority activities. See the most recent OECA National Program Manager's Guidance Addendum and the CAA, CWA and RCRA Compliance Monitoring Strategies.</p> <p>The Compliance Monitoring Plans for FY16 are prepared and finalized in FY15.</p> <p><a href="http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances">http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/monitoring/">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/monitoring/</a></p>	<p>As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, 2017, submit a draft FY18 Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan.</p> <p>By September 30, 2017 submit a final FY18 Compliance Monitoring Plans for CAA, RCRA and CWA containing descriptions of the state's compliance program including projections for inspections and other priority activities. See the most recent OECA National Program Manager's Guidance Addendum and the CAA, CWA and RCRA Compliance Monitoring Strategies.</p> <p>The Compliance Monitoring Plans for FY17 are prepared and finalized in FY16.</p> <p><a href="http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances">http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/monitoring/">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/monitoring/</a></p>	<p>Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Jeff Crawford 287-7647</p> <p>Scott Whittier 287-7674 Sterling Pierce 287-4868, David Ladd 215-7168, Mike Mullen 446-1611, Brian Kavanahn 287-7700, Mark Bergeron 215-4397</p>	<p>Manager: Steve Rapp 1551</p> <p>Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371</p> <p>Manager: Denny Dart 1850</p>
6		<p>Develop a small quantity generator outreach and training program, including an interactive web-based training system. System to focus on appropriate handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, including waste reduction and reuse strategies, and waste reduction calculation methodologies</p>	<p>Develop a small quantity generator outreach and training program, including an interactive web-based training system. System to focus on appropriate handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, including waste reduction and reuse strategies, and waste reduction calculation methodologies</p>	<p>Scott Whittier 287-7674, Mike Hudson 207-287-7884</p>	<p>Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371</p>

7		By November 30, 2015 submit the FY15 annual End-of-Year reports for CAA, CWA and RCRA CMS accomplishments. Include reporting on alternative plans, where applicable.	By November 30, 2016 submit the FY16 annual End-of-Year reports for CAA, CWA and RCRA CMS accomplishments. Include reporting on alternative plans, where applicable.	Eric Kennedy 287-5412, Jeff Crawford 287-7647  Scott Whittier 287-7674 Sterling Pierce 287-4868, David Ladd 215-7168, Mike Mullen 446-1611, Brian Kavanah 287-7700, Mark Bergeron 215-4397	Manager: Steve Rapp 1551  Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371  Manager: Denny Dart 1850
8		By September 30, 2016 report on progress in addressing any recommendations identified by the State Review Framework (SRF).	By September 30, 2017 report on progress in addressing any recommendations identified by the State Review Framework (SRF).	Jeff Crawford 287-7647 Peter Carney 287-4305, Eric Kennedy 287-5412  Scott Whittier 287-7647  David Ladd 215-7168, Brian Kavanah 287-7700	Manager: Steve Rapp 1551  Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371  Manager: Denny Dart 1850

9		<p>Professional Development: ensure compliance and enforcement staff and managers remain current on issues and activities within the compliance and enforcement arenas and engaged with federal, state, and inter-governmental agencies and groups involved in these programs areas via staff participation, as appropriate and as resources allow, in workgroups, committees, conferences and training opportunities sponsored by EPA-NE, NESCAUM, NEEP, NETI and other officially sanctioned organizations as approved by DEP management. EPA-NE or NESCAUM will provide additional funds as available to support this. Compliance and Enforcement managers shall participate in NESCAUM Compliance and Enforcement Committee meetings and attend at least one committee meeting in person annually.</p>	<p>Professional Development: ensure compliance and enforcement staff and managers remain current on issues and activities within the compliance and enforcement arenas and engaged with federal, state, and inter-governmental agencies and groups involved in these programs areas via staff participation, as appropriate and as resources allow, in workgroups, committees, conferences and training opportunities sponsored by EPA-NE, NESCAUM, NEEP, NETI and other officially sanctioned organizations as approved by DEP management. EPA-NE or NESCAUM will provide additional funds as available to support this. Compliance and Enforcement managers shall participate in NESCAUM Compliance and Enforcement Committee meetings and attend at least one committee meeting in person annually.</p>	<p>Peter Carney 287-4305 , Eric Kennedy 287- 5412</p>	<p>Managers: Susan Studlien -1701 and Steve Rapp - 1551</p>
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	RO (Reopener New, Reopener Revised)	EVALUATION, REPORTING & QUALITY ASSURANCE	EVALUATION, REPORTING & QUALITY ASSURANCE		
		<i>Re-Opener Clause</i>	<i>Re-Opener Clause</i>	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	<b>Senior Program Manager: Lois Adams -1591</b>
1		The Regional Office will strive to honor the spirit of the PPA. In keeping with this spirit the Region will work with EPA HQ to limit the impact of unexpected demands on the states. To address new, very high priority issues that might emerge a re-opener clause will be included as part of this process permitting the Regional Office and/or the state to introduce necessary changes to the PPA.	The Regional Office will strive to honor the spirit of the PPA. In keeping with this spirit the Region will work with EPA HQ to limit the impact of unexpected demands on the states. To address new, very high priority issues that might emerge a re-opener clause will be included as part of this process permitting the Regional Office and/or the state to introduce necessary changes to the PPA.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	Kristi Rea -1595 & Michael Ochs-1066
		<i>Performance Partnership</i>	<i>Performance Partnership</i>		<b>Senior Program Manager: Lois Adams -1591</b>
2		A process for jointly evaluating and reporting progress and accomplishments under the workplan must be developed and described in the workplan. The process must be based on a negotiated schedule.	A process for jointly evaluating and reporting progress and accomplishments under the workplan must be developed and described in the workplan. The process must be based on a negotiated schedule.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	Kristi Rea -1595 & Michael Ochs-1066
3		An annual written progress report must be submitted within 90 days after the end of the annual grant period. EPA encourages DEP to use columns G & H of this List for such reporting purposes.	An annual written progress report must be submitted within 90 days after the end of the annual grant period. EPA encourages DEP to use columns G & H of this List for such reporting purposes.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	Kristi Rea -1595 & Michael Ochs-1066
4		Grant funding is conditional on Maine DEP staff participating in meetings and training events identified by EPA NE as necessary to fulfill obligations specified in the Performance Partnership Agreement and the annual Priorities and Commitments list.	Grant funding is conditional on Maine DEP staff participating in meetings and training events identified by EPA NE as necessary to fulfill obligations specified in the Performance Partnership Agreement and the annual Priorities and Commitments list.	Jeff Crawford 287-7647	kristi Rea -1595 & Michael Ochs-1066
		<i>QMP QAPP</i>	<i>QMP QAPP</i>	Leslie Anderson 287-7890	<b>Senior Program Manager: Art Johnson -8301</b>

5		Continue to implement the State Quality Management Plan (QMP) and submit an Annual Quality System Status Report to the EPA NE Quality Assurance Unit documenting progress, activities, and status of the organization's quality system. The report is comprised of three parts, as described below. The individual parts of the report may either be submitted together at one time or individually over the course of the year. Document, in Part A of the Report, assessments conducted during the past year; identify areas for improvement within the system; and describe, as applicable, other relevant quality-related topics such as training, development of guidance, and best practices.	Continue to implement the State Quality Management Plan (QMP) and submit an Annual Quality System Status Report to the EPA NE Quality Assurance Unit documenting progress, activities, and status of the organization's quality system. The report is comprised of three parts, as described below. The individual parts of the report may either be submitted together at one time or individually over the course of the year. Document, in Part A of the Report, assessments conducted during the past year; identify areas for improvement within the system; and describe, as applicable, other relevant quality-related topics such as training, development of guidance, and best practices.	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Manager: John Smaldone-8312, Tech: Robert Reinhart - 8633
		Review the State QMP and summarize changes made to the QMP in Part B of the Annual Quality System Status Report.	Review the State QMP and summarize changes made to the QMP in Part B of the Annual Quality System Status Report.		Manager: John Smaldone-8312, Tech: Robert Reinhart - 8633
6		Update the State Quality Assurance Quality Assurance Project Plan inventory list, in Part C of the Annual Quality System Status Report, with new and active QAPPs, including Sampling and Analysis Plans/QAPP Addendums approved under generic Program QAPPs. Refer to 7/24/09 revised MOU on QAPP approvals.	Update the State Quality Assurance Quality Assurance Project Plan inventory list, in Part C of the Annual Quality System Status Report, with new and active QAPPs, including Sampling and Analysis Plans/QAPP Addendums approved under generic Program QAPPs. Refer to 7/24/09 revised MOU on QAPP approvals.	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Manager: John Smaldone-8312, Tech: Robert Reinhart - 8633
7		All projects that involve environmental data produced from models, compiled from secondary data sources such as databases or literature, or collected directly from measurements to describe environmental processes and conditions shall have approved Quality Assurance Project Plans before the initiation of any work.	All projects that involve environmental data produced from models, compiled from secondary data sources such as databases or literature, or collected directly from measurements to describe environmental processes and conditions shall have approved Quality Assurance Project Plans before the initiation of any work.	Andy Johnson 287-7047	Manager: John Smaldone-8312, Tech: Robert Reinhart - 8633



8		<p>The US EPA and the New England states have established a quarterly meeting, the QA Roundtable Meeting, for the Quality Assurance (QA) representatives from EPA and the states. The group meets in various locations, depending on whether a state or EPA is hosting the meeting. The meetings are opportunities to share and discuss common approaches to implementing quality assurance. As appropriate and as resources allow, each state is expected to attend in order to establish effective QA programs in each state and meet the obligations of the PPA.</p>	<p>The US EPA and the New England states have established a quarterly meeting, the QA Roundtable Meeting, for the Quality Assurance (QA) representatives from EPA and the states. The group meets in various locations, depending on whether a state or EPA is hosting the meeting. The meetings are opportunities to share and discuss common approaches to implementing quality assurance. As appropriate and as resources allow, each state is expected to attend in order to establish effective QA programs in each state and meet the obligations of the PPA.</p>	<p>Andy Johnson 287-7047</p>	<p>Manager: John Smaldone-8312, Tech: Robert Reinhart - 8633</p>
	RN		<p>Pursuant to MPG, develop education initiative designed to address succession planning and to promote healthy communities and ecosystems. The final product would be an educational program appropriate for 6th grade science classes available to Maine middle schools. The program would consist of a comprehensive look at the DEP with subsequent “modules,” each being equivalent to one class session, that would cover work done by each Bureau: Air, Land, Water, and Waste and Remediation.</p>	<p>Marybeth Richardson 592-1692</p>	

## **Appendix B- Overview of Maine Programs**

## **Overview of Maine Programs**

The Department is organized by environmental media into four bureaus – Air Quality, Land Resources, Remediation & Waste Management, Water Quality – and the Office of the Commissioner, which includes the Office of Communications & Education, the Policy Development & Implementation Unit and the Office of Innovation and Assistance. Within this structure, Department leadership continues to implement organizational improvements that will enhance the agency’s effectiveness in providing protections for the state’s air, land and water while enacting efficiencies to strengthen customer service and operations.

### **Bureau of Air Quality**

The Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) is comprised of three divisions: the Division of Air Quality Assessment; the Division of Licensing and Compliance; and the Division of resource Administration.

#### **I. Division of Air Quality Assessment**

The Division of Air Quality Assessment is responsible for all ambient air quality monitoring conducted and the data collected throughout the state, which is carried out by the 4 regional offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta and Portland. The data obtained is submitted to EPA, is used for issuing BAQ’s daily air quality forecasts, making attainment demonstrations, tracking trends, among other multiple uses. The Division is also responsible for the operation of the Air Laboratory that supports the monitoring program by performing various analyses of collected air samples, conducting performance audits of all monitoring equipment, the creation and/or upkeep of the Division’s QAPPs and SOPs, and managing and maintaining all of the monitoring program’s and Air Lab’s data management systems and their applications. The Division also performs sophisticated technical analyses of a variety of complicated data sets, draft regulatory proposals and final promulgations, and provides comments, notes potential issues and makes recommendations to Division and Bureau management based on results of and conclusions from completed assessments.

#### **II. Division of Licensing & Compliance**

The Division of Licensing and Compliance is currently made up of four sections, the Licensing Section, the Compliance Section, the Enforcement Section, and the Mobile Sources Section. The Licensing Section is primarily responsible for reviewing applications from facilities that are required to obtain air emission licenses and writing the licenses to include the state and federal requirements to which each facility is subject. The Compliance Section is primarily responsible for evaluating the compliance status of regulated facilities. The Enforcement Section is primarily responsible for determining and implementing the appropriate enforcement action for any non-compliance events. The Mobile Sources Section is primarily responsible for determining compliance with Maine’s laws and regulations relative to mobile sources, including the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program,

the sale of motor vehicles that meet California emission standards, and the heavy duty diesel truck emission standards. A significant task of 2016 is to fully evaluate functions and duties in relation to resources.

### **III. Division of Resource Administration**

The Division of Resource Administration facilitates improved financial and technical support to the DEP in a consistent and efficient manner. The division is comprised of four sections (Environmental Information Management Section, Collections, Claims & Recovery Section, the Fiscal Operations section & the Administrative Support Section), and all four sections work very closely together to accomplish common Department goals. These “sections” overlap in many areas, and they are dependent upon each other for information and support. Data systems are an important component of all program areas, all billing and collection functions, as well as financial management tools. Business need is the cornerstone for improved processes, and the division strives to work across bureaus to improve these systems and processes. The division mission is to create efficiencies and cost savings by looking at Department-wide similarities, technology solutions, and cross training of essential general operations.

#### **Bureau of Land Resources**

The Bureau of Land Resources (BLR) is comprised of two divisions, the Land Division and the Sustainability Division. The primary charges of BLR are to regulate certain land use activities, and to administer cross-media Department programs for a comprehensive approach to environmental stewardship and resource management.

In July 2015, the Department’s Bureau of Land and Water Quality was divided into the Bureau of Water Quality, and the Bureau of Land Resources. In September 2015, the Sustainability Division was moved from the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management to the Bureau of Land Resources.

#### **I. Land Division**

The Land Division is responsible for licensing, compliance, enforcement and oversight of various land development activities pursuant to several laws it administers: Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA); Stormwater Management Law; Site Location of Development Act (Site Law); Performance Standards for Excavations and Quarries; Maine Waterway Conservation and Development Act; Mandatory Shoreland Zoning; and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law. The Land Division administers the Maine Healthy Beaches program, a partnership between the Department, the University of Maine, and local municipalities to help ensure Maine’s salt-water beaches remain clean. The type of permit approvals issued each year range from small stream crossings, to stormwater pond construction, to residential and commercial development, to expanded hydropower production and water quality certifications, up to grid-scale wind energy developments. Land Division staff provides field determinations to assist the regulated community in determining the presence of natural resources and permitting needs and takes part in various education and training opportunities. The Land Division provides ‘on-call’ services every

day, responding to complaints or questions from citizens either by phone or by walk-in meetings. The Land Division also establishes sound environmental standards that will prevent the degradation of and encourage the enhancement of Maine's natural resources.

## **II. Sustainability Division**

The Sustainability Division is comprised of four major program areas, with the first two strongly inter-linked and therefore combined in this work plan: 1) Materials Management – municipal solid waste management technical assistance programs to municipalities, individuals, institutions and businesses in the areas of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and disposal; 2) Product Stewardship Program - Maine has enacted product-specific laws which require producers to establish programs to recover their products from Maine's waste stream and ensure proper handling and recycling, recovery, or disposal of these products. These products include: dry mercuric oxide and rechargeable batteries; mercury auto switches; electronic waste; mercury thermostats; mercury lamps; and architectural paint. Maine also has a product stewardship program for cellular telephones. As a result of 2015 legislation, the Department became responsible for administration of Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Program, aka, 'the bottle bill'; 3) Organics Recovery and Reuse – providing assistance and guidance to generators of organics and potential utilization opportunities, including composting and anaerobic digestion; and 4) Climate Change/Adaptation - works on cross-media issues to address climate change, which poses significant and widespread environmental and economic challenges and opportunities across many sectors.

## **Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management**

The Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management (BRWM) remediates contaminated sites, responds to spills and hazardous material incidents, and administers Maine's petroleum, hazardous material and solid waste management programs in a manner that protects water and air quality, natural resources, and public health and safety. The BRWM consists of five divisions:

### **I. Division of Materials Management**

The Division of Materials Management consists of three units responsible for regulatory oversight, assistance, and outreach concerning materials management and solid and hazardous waste facilities and activities. The State of Maine supports an integrated approach to waste management which includes programs to reduce the amount and toxicity of waste generated, promote reuse and recycling of waste, encourage the beneficial use of solid wastes, and process wastes to create safe and useful products. The division coordinates with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program authorization, licensing, and enforcement matters. The division, through administration of its programs, seeks to support and encourage the handling of waste and materials in ways that are consistent with Maine's solid waste management hierarchy, and ensures that solid and hazardous waste facilities and activities are conducted in such a manner that protects water and air quality, natural resources, and public health and safety.

## **II. Division of Petroleum Management**

The Division of Petroleum Management is responsible for regulatory oversight, assistance, and outreach for petroleum facilities, such as oil terminals and aboveground storage tank and underground storage tank facilities. The division is responsible for investigating and mitigating risks posed by the release of petroleum. The division processes applications from owners and operators of underground oil storage facilities to the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund.

## **III. Division of Remediation**

The Division of Remediation is responsible for investigating and mitigating risks posed by the release of hazardous substances, monitoring and mitigating risks posed by closed landfills, administering the lead and asbestos abatement programs, coordinating with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) on hazardous waste and federal Superfund and DOD remediation sites, and encouraging redevelopment of contaminated properties under the Maine Voluntary Response Action Program and the federal Brownfields program.

## **IV. Division of Response Services**

The Division of Response Services consists of 23 staff who are certified HazMat Technician-level Responders, that provide 24/7 response capabilities throughout the State. The division is the lead entity for response to oil spills in Maine, and is the co-lead, along with the appropriate public safety agency, for the assessment and remediation of hazardous materials releases in Maine. This division responds to reports of spills and threatened releases of petroleum products and hazardous materials, responds to reports of incidents involving weapons of mass destruction and clandestine drug labs, coordinates emergency clean up, and provides training to local fire departments and to the state's hazardous materials teams.

## **V. Division of Technical Services**

The Division of Technical Services consists of four units providing technical support to the BRWM's other divisions and programs in the areas of engineering, geology and chemistry. The division is also responsible for licensing and compliance of solid waste landfills. The division plans and implements the cleanup of long term petroleum remediation sites, provides technical assistance to all BRWM programs (RCRA, uncontrolled sites, VRAP, Brownfields, solid waste, and petroleum), and provides technical assistance to the business community and the general public. The division is also responsible for inspecting underground piping at facilities that have an aboveground storage tank, and administering a program to replace home heating oil tanks that are at high risk of leaking. The division provides staff support to the Cleanup and Response Fund Review Board and the Board of Underground Storage Tank Installers.

The BRWM manages and oversees the budgets for the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-Up and Response Fund, the Hazardous Waste Fund, the Uncontrolled Sites Fund, and

the Solid Waste Management Fund, as well as bond accounts for uncontrolled sites and landfill closure. The BRWM also provides staff support to the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, the Oil Spill Advisory Committee, and the Board of Underground Storage Tank Installers.

## **Bureau of Water Quality**

The Bureau of Water Quality (BWQ) is comprised of two divisions, the Division of Environmental Assessment and the Division of Water Quality Management. The primary charge of BWQ is to protect and improve the State's water quality.

### **I. Division of Environmental Assessment**

The Division of Environmental Assessment (DEA) is responsible for monitoring and assessing the health of Maine's waters. DEA also develops recommendations for water quality standards pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C §§ 1251 et seq) and State of Maine Article 4-A, Maine's Water Classification Program (38 M.R.S. §§ 464 et seq); oversees the Invasive Aquatic Species Program (38 M.R.S. §§ 1871,1872) and administers the Watershed Management Program, which protects and restores the quality of threatened and impaired surface waters using grant funds available through Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

### **II. Division of Water Quality Management**

The Division of Water Quality Management is responsible for all regulatory programs for point source wastewater dischargers and point source stormwater dischargers including: licensing, compliance, technical assistance, wastewater operator certification, enforcement, pretreatment, combined sewer overflows (CSOs), Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and Grants, overboard discharge (OBD) regulation and removal, and Small Community Grants for the replacement of septic systems. In addition, the Division administers the boat pump out, No Discharge Area, sand & salt pile, and underground injection control programs.

## **Office of the Commissioner**

The Office of the Commissioner provides coordination of management and planning efforts across the Department, develops and staffs intra-agency initiatives and provides overall strategic direction for the Department. The Office of the Commissioner consists of the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Innovation and Assistance, Office of Education and Outreach, the Office of Policy Development and Implementation, and Regional Directors in the northern, eastern, and southern regions of the State.

### **I. Office of Innovation and Assistance**

The Office of Innovation and Assistance was established to review Departmental initiatives and make recommendations to the Commissioner on how to integrate pollution prevention and technical assistance into programs. The Office of Innovation and Assistance administers the Toxic Use Reduction (TUR) Law, the Small Business Technical Assistance Program, and the Non-Point Source Training and Resource Center.

## **II. The Office of Education and Outreach**

The Office of Education and Outreach develops and coordinates departmental communications. Staff engages with the media, state and federal agencies, the Legislature and the general public through a team approach that includes designated staff liaisons with the programs in the bureaus. The Office is responsible for the Department's media relations and for delivery of proactive, integrated and professional quality educational initiatives.

## **III. Office of Policy Development and Implementation**

The Office of Policy Development and Implementation develops departmental policies and procedures in the areas of rule-making, licensing and enforcement and coordinates strategic planning and the development of the Performance Partnership Agreement that funds various departmental programs through the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The Office is also the Department's liaison with the Attorney General's office. The Policy Unit staff is responsible for overall development and assurance of proper implementation and enforcement of the laws, rules, guidelines, policies, and procedures of the Department, and also administers the Safer Chemicals in Children's Products program.

## **IV. Regional Directors**

The three regional directors serve as the Commissioner's representatives in the three regions not directly served by the Department's Augusta headquarters. The regional directors keep abreast of local issues, provide input to the Office of the Commissioner, and are active in instances where issues relating to more than one program area are involved.