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Dear Ms Bridge:

Enclosed are materials concerning changes to water quality standards administered by the Bureau of Land and Water Quality (Maine DEP). These materials are provided for EPA's review as required by 33 U.S.C. 1313(c). This packet includes:

- A list of recent changes to statutes and rules,
- A memo providing information concerning these changes,
- Copies of the chapters and rules described in this packet,
- A letter from Jeff Pidot of the Maine Attorney General's Office certifying that the chapters affecting quality standards were duly adopted pursuant to state law.
- Copies of newspaper hearing notices for statutory amendments PL 2005, Chapters 159 (LD 1497), 182 (LD 1304), 330 (LD 1558), and 409 (LD 1450).

We look forward to EPA's timely review and action, pursuant to 40 CFR § 131.21, which provides in part that:

(a) After the State submits its officially adopted revisions, the Regional Administrator shall either:

- (1) Notify the State within 60 days that the revisions are approved, or
- (2) Notify the State within 90 days that the revisions are disapproved. Such notification of disapproval shall specify the changes needed to assure compliance with the requirements of the Act and this regulation, and shall explain why the State standard is not in compliance with such requirements. Any new or revised State standard must be accompanied by some type of supporting analysis.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact Hetty Richardson (207-287-7799) if you have any questions or concerns as soon as is reasonably possible.

Sincerely,

Andrew Fisk, Director
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cc: Steve Silva (EPA), Linda Murphy (EPA), and Andrew Fisk (DEP)

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