

Quality Management Standards -- Review and Approval Tracking  
 Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
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Chapter and Title	Type	Effective date under Maine Law	Submitted to EPA <sup>1</sup>	Approved by EPA	Notes
<b>2009 (PL 2009)</b>					
Ch. 163 (LD 330), An Act to Change the Classification of Certain Waters of the State	Statute	September 12, 2009	December 7, 2009	May 19, 2010 (see exception)	Except the 0.3 mile segment of Long Creek that flows from through Westbrook from Class B to Class C. No action taken.
<b>2007 (PL 2007)</b>					
Ch. 65 (LD 587) An Act to Protect and Improve Lake Water Quality by Reducing Phosphorus in Lawn Care Fertilizer	Statute	September 20, 2007	April 8, 2008 <sup>2</sup>	Determined by EPA not to be WQS 8/19/2009	See Section 1.
Ch. 291 (LD 1274). An Act to Allow the Discharge of Aquatic Pesticides Approved by the Department of Environmental Protection for the Control of Mosquito-borne Diseases in the Interest of Public Health and Safety	Statute	September 20, 2007		August 19, 2009	See Section 1 - 7.
Ch. 292 (LD 1778). An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection	Statute	September 20, 2007		16, 18, and 20 determined by EPA not to be WQS 8/19/2009 17 same on 9/9/2009	See Section 16, 17, 20, and 23. 9/9/2009 Email from Ellen Weitzer indicating Section 17 was not a WQS. The bacteria provisions in C. 409 below are still being reviewed.
<b>2005 (PL 2005)</b>	Statute				
C. 159 (LD 1497) An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Water Quality	Statute	September 17, 2005	January 11, 2006	April 17, 2006	See Sections 1 - 3

<sup>1</sup> Only those later certified by the AG, and determined to affect water quality standards, are listed. Additional bills were submitted but did not require approval.

<sup>2</sup> Memo that was missing from this submission (Chapters 65, 291 and 292) was emailed to EPA April 23, 2008.

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Standards for Ragged and Seboomook Lakes					
C. 182 (LD 1304). An Act Concerning Invasive Species and Water Quality Standards	Statute	September 17, 2005	January 11, 2006		See Sections 1 - 7.
C. 330 (LD 1588). An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection	Statute	September 17, 2005	January 11, 2006	7, 8 and 11 approved April 27, 2006. 12 not mentioned	See Sections 7, 8, 11 and 12. Section 12 discussed in later letter of 7/7/2006 - determined to not be a new or revised water quality standard. It is not subject to EPA review.
C. 409 (LD 1450) An Act to Amend Water Quality Standards	Statute	June 20, 2005	January 11, 2006	7/7/2006* (incomplete, see note at right).	See Section 1 - 4.*Approve except for the provisions re Class B and C that include bacteria of domestic animal origin. That is still being reviewed.
<b>RULES</b>					
06-096 CMR 530, Surface Waters Toxic Control Program, and 06-096 CMR 584, Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants. NOTE: also repealed 06-096 CMR 530.5, Environmental Evaluation: Surface Water Toxics Control Program	Rules	October 9, 2005	January 11, 2006	4/17/2006 approved Section 4(B).	
06-096 CMR 532. Large Commercial Passenger Vessels	Rules	May 25, 2005	January 11, 2006	NA	EPA: not a water quality standard (4/17/2006)
06-096 CMR 584. Surface Water Quality Criterial for Toxic Pollutants	Rules	October 9, 2005	January 11, 2006	July 7, 2006* and September 18, 2006	*Except for Footnote J - no EPA action. Footnote J approved by later letter dated September 18, 2006.
<b>2004 (minor changes) (PL 2003)</b>					
C. 534 (LD 1653). An Act to Authorize the Town of Verona to Change its Name (Sections 3 and 5)	Statute	Becomes effective upon approval at Town referendum.	January 11, 2006	Sec. 3, April 17, 2006	EPA: Sec. 5 not a water quality standard (4/17/2006)

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C. 614 (LD 1743). An Act to Make Technical Corrections to Maine's Fish & Wildlife Laws (Section D-7).		April 12, 2004	January 11, 2006	NA	EPA: not a water quality standard (4/17/206)
C. 688 (LD 1916). An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine (Sections B-14 and B-15).		July 1, 2004	January 11, 2006	NA	EPA: not a water quality standard (4/17/206)
C. 689 (LD 1913). An Act to Establish the Department of Health and Human Services (Section B-6 and B-7).		July 1, 2004	January 11, 2006	NA	EPA: not a water quality standard (4/17/206)
<b>2004 (PL 2003)</b>					
C. 551. An Act to Amend Certain Laws Relating to Environmental Protection (Sections 6 and 7). (LD 1655)	Statute	July 30, 2004.	5/14/2004	1/25/2005*	*EPA determined remaining provisions of Ch. 551 were not revisions to water quality standards. See 1/25/2005 letter.
C. 574. An Act to Amend Water Quality Laws to Aid in Wild Salmon Restoration. (LD 1833)	Statute	July 30, 2004	5/14/2004	1/25/2005	
C. 650. An Act to Protect Maine's Coastal Waters. (LD 1158)	Statute	July 30, 2004	5/14/2004	NA*	*EPA determined not a revision to water quality standards. See 1/25/2005 letter.
C. 663. An Act to Reclassify Certain Downeast Waters	Statute	July 30, 2004	5/14/2004	1/25/2005	
C. 664. An Act to Amend the Dissolved Oxygen Standard for Class C Waters. (LD 1899)	Statute	July 30, 2004	Decision not to submit		Pulled from 5/14/04 packet and not sent to EPA due to discovery of significant error in text.
C. 688. An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine (Section B-14)	Statute	July 30, 2004	See new entry for 2005 above		Not included in 5/14/04 packet. Received 5/13/04, and not time to include in AG certification letter.
<b>2003</b>					
R. C. 37. An Act Regarding Water Storage Reservoirs. (LD 1059)	Statute	September 13, 2003	Yes	NA	Certification letter sent 12/17/03. EPA email 9/9/2009 indicated not a water quality standard.
C. 227. An Act to List Agriculture as a Designated Use in Water Quality	Statute	September 13, 2003	Yes	4/14/2004	

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Standards. (LD 443)					
C. 245. An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (LD 1547)	Statute	September 13, 2003	Yes	NA	4/14/04 Maine certified and no EPA action (email from Jennie Bridge). Frequency of hearing issue. See letter from Linda Murphy, same date.
C. 257. An Act Regarding Riverine Impoundments (LD 1137)	Statute	September 13, 2003	Yes	2/9/2004	
C. 317. An Act to Reclassify Certain Waters of the State. (LD 1529)	Statute	September 13, 2003	Yes	4/14/2004	
C. 418 (PL 2001). An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection on Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Mercury. (LD 1308)	Statute	June 15, 2001	Yes	1/25/2005*	*EXCEPT Sec. 420(1-B)(B) -- EPA still evaluating to see if is a revision to water quality standards. See approval letter.
Ch. 06-096 CMR 579. Classification Attainment Evaluation Using Biological Criteria for Rivers and Streams.	Rule	May 27, 2003.	Yes	1/25/2005	In packet to EPA on 5/14/04.
<b>2002</b>					
None					
<b>2001</b>					
Ch. 232, sections 11 and 12 of An Act to Amend Certain Laws Regarding Land and Water Quality Protection. (LD 1477)		September 21, 2001	Yes	NA*	In packet sent to EPA on 5/14/04. [Enacts provision concerning cooling water intake structures and clarification of definition for "publicly owned treatment works".] *EPA determined not a revision to water quality standards. See 1/25/2005 letter.
Ch. 06-096 CMR 519. Interim Effluent Limitations and Controls for the Discharge of Mercury.	Rule	October 6, 2001.	Yes	NA*	In packet sent to EPA on 5/14/04. [Deleted the sunset provision] *EPA determined not a revision to water quality standards. See 1/25/2005 letter.