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Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Identification of Working Relationships

With State Agencies and Other Partners

This document was prepared to identify the working relationships between the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and other state agencies, as well as federal agencies and regional organizations. Because some of these working relationships will change over time, this document will be updated periodically. Please note that a Glossary of Acronyms for agencies is included at the end of this document.

Office of the Commissioner

Ad Hoc Initiatives

Smart Production – The Department, working with the Smart Production Advisory Committee comprised of 22 people from Maine state government (DECD and SPO), business, academic (UMO) and environmental communities, and representatives from Region I USEPA, created a vision of Smart Production. Smart Production concepts are being implemented by businesses who have joined the Maine STEP-UP Program. The DEP continues to work with DECD to inform businesses about Smart Production and STEP-UP, and to seek technical assistance on energy conservation and other business issues. Contact: Craig Ten Broeck, 287-7828

Boat Building and Repair - The Department is working with DECD, MTI, DOL, MEMA and private sector companies to improve the environmental compliance and economic sustainability of this Maine-based sector. DEP is leading this project which has as its goal to make Maine "The Boat Building State". Contact: Ron Dyer, 287-4152

Maine Occupational Research Agenda (MORA) – The department serves on the steering committee of this partnership with representatives from DOL, DHS and public and private health care providers. DEP focus is on work with injuries related to chemical or other environmental exposures. Contact: Ron Dyer 287-4152

Department of Transportation Environmental Leader Program (ELP) -- DEP and DOT have formed a partnership to apply the ELP certification program to DOT

facilities across the state. This will be a long-term project with joint DOT/DEP oversight of the program. New initiative for 2003. Contact: Ron Dyer 287-4152

Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) -- DEP and SBDCs have entered into an MOU to provide coordinated and focussed assistance to small businesses with environmental questions. New initiative for 2003. Contact: Ron 287-4152

Energy Star for Small Businesses -- The DEP Small Business Assistance Program is partnering with DECD, PUC and SPO to include energy efficiency and product information for small businesses as part of each assistance effort. New initiative for 2003. Contact: Ron 287-4152

Coastal Enterprises Inc. (CEI) – DEP has entered into a letter of agreement with CEI to provide staff support and technical review for its small business assistance and loan origination work. New initiative for 2003. Contact: Julie Churchill 287-7881

Environmental and Energy Technology (E2 Tech) Center - E2 Tech is a new partnership between the former E2 Center and EBCM (Environmental Business Council of Maine). DEP serves on the current executive committee and is an active partner. New initiative for 2003. Contact: Ron Dyer 287-4152

Global Climate Change - As the designated lead agency for implementing Maine's commitments under the terms of the New England Governors'/Eastern Canadian Premiers' Climate Change Action Plan, DEP convenes an inter-agency Global Climate Change Coordinating Committee that meets quarterly. The Energy Resources Council, SPO, DOT, AGR, DMR, IF&W, and DOC (Maine Geological Survey) are represented. Contact: Malcolm Burson, 287-7755

Industries of the Future Program (IOF) – Is a public-private partnership that seeks to increase energy efficiency, reduce and utilize waste materials and improve industrial productivity for energy-intensive industries in the state. Participants include the US Department of Energy, USEPA, DEP, DECD, SPO, Maine Energy and Environment Center, Maine State Chamber of Commerce, University of Maine, Maine Wood Products Association, Maine Metal Products Association, and the Northeast-Midwest Institute. Contact: Craig Ten Broeck, 287-7828

One Stop Environmental Information System – The Department is trying to acquire an integrated Environmental Information System (EIS).

DEP conducted extensive testing of three systems in 2002, but its award was overturned on appeal in late December 2002.

Contact: Carmel Rubin, 287-7823

Exchange Network Node – The Department is cooperating with USEPA and environmental agencies of other states and tribes to develop a Web-based e-Government network to exchange environmental data in standard formats. Maine is one of seven states participating in the Node 1.0 project to define the operational specifications and protocols. The Exchange Network is expected to become the primary means of exchanging data between USEPA, states and regulated entities in the future. The Maine node is being constructed by DAFS-BIS and will be shared with other Maine State Agencies in the future. Contact: David Blocher, 287-7966

Small States Technical Assistance Initiative – The Department has teamed with 12-15 other small states to establish a forum for working cooperatively on common environmental information technology (IT) issues. “Small states” are defined by the relative lack of resources and the desire to leverage our resources through partnerships. The group focuses on practical projects involving technology transfer of lessons learned between the participating states. Contact: David Blocher, 287-7966

On-going Activities

Clean Government Initiative – Department is the lead agency with DAFS, the University of Maine system, and the Maine Technical College system. Leadership responsibilities involve establishing a coordinated plan to ensure compliance with state and federal environmental laws and integration of environmentally sustainable practices into agency planning, operations, and regulatory functions; and establishing measures to assess compliance and performance. Contact: David Maxwell, 287-7872

Educating about Environmental Issues – DEP’s education and outreach initiatives communicate about environmental issues to the public, legislators, other state and federal agencies, business groups, nonprofit organizations, and school children. Contact: Deb Garrett, 287-7830

Pollution Prevention and Small Business Assistance - The Pollution Prevention and Compliance Advisory Panel (P2/CAP), made up of gubernatorial and legislative appointees, oversees the Department's pollution prevention, small business and toxics reduction initiatives. State agencies involved include DOL, DHS (Bureau of Health), MEMA and DECD. Contact: Ron Dyer, 287-4152

Office of Quality Management - Works closely with EPA-New England and the other five New England states to implement quality management practices, particularly as these apply to environmental data in all media. Formal MOU in place. Partners with DHS-Bureau of Health to coordinate statewide laboratory certification as required by statute. Contact: Malcolm Burson, 287-7755

Energy Resources Council – DEP is an active member of this Commissioner level interagency group led by SPO and designed to provide systematic coordination of energy policy issues that face the state. The group also acts as a central repository of information about state activities as they relate to energy, including regulation, conservation, transportation and infrastructure. Contact: Dawn Gallagher, 287-2812

Interagency Economic Development - When a new facility seeks to locate in Maine or an old facility seeks a significant expansion, the State through DECD puts together a custom portfolio of services offered by various State agencies. One of the segments of that portfolio is an identification of environmental permitting issues, resources and assistance prepared by the DEP. Contact: Brooke Barnes, 287-7887

Department of Agriculture Liaison - Many DEP and Agriculture activities overlap, from water withdrawal to agronomic utilization of biosolids, and communications and policy-making have not always been coordinated between the two agencies. In order to enhance communications, avoid policy and program conflicts, and to provide the best service to the public, the Deputy Commissioners of the two agencies meet irregularly to plan, review and resolve agency issues. Contact: Brooke Barnes, 287-7887

Maine Land and Water Resources Council – Established by statute, the Council includes the Commissioners from the Departments of Agriculture, Conservation, Environmental Protection, Human Services, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources, Economic and Community Development, and the Director of the State Planning Office. It advises the Governor, Legislature and state agencies in the formulation of policies for the management of the state's land and water resources to achieve State environmental, economic and social goals. Contact: Dawn Gallagher, 287-2812

Licensing, Regulatory Requirements, and Enforcement - New England states and USEPA have periodically held quarterly meetings for more than 10 years to share information and build capacity in our core licensing and regulatory programs. DEP also continually communicates throughout State government and with non-governmental entities regarding environmental compliance issues. Contact: Jim Dusch, 287-8662

Information Systems Managers' Group – This committee of the Information Systems Policy Board (ISPB) is composed of the Agency Technology Officers of all State agencies for the purpose of coordinating the planning and operations of IT across state government. It advises the ISPB and state agencies in the formulation of policies and programs to address common issues. Contact: David Blocher, 287-7966

Geographic Information Systems Executive Council – This committee of the Information Systems Policy Board is composed of representatives of agencies using geographic information systems (GIS) technology for the purpose of coordinating GIS activities across State agencies and setting priorities and rates for services of the Maine GIS unit in DAFS-BIS. Contact: David Blocher, 297-7966

Bureau of Air Quality

Ad Hoc Initiatives

None at this time.

On-going Activities

The Air Bureau works extensively with regional and national organizations to reduce air pollution impacts on Maine as a result of transport of pollutants from outside of the state's borders.

Ozone Issues

Ozone Transport Commission - The OTC was established under the Clean Air Act to control regional emissions leading to ozone formation. It is an independent body composed of the governors or their designees (in Maine the DEP commissioner) from Virginia through Maine including New York and Pennsylvania. The state air program director is a co-member. Contact: Jim Brooks, 287-7044

Regional Ozone Committee - The Air Bureau formed a Regional Ozone Committee consisting of citizens groups, environmental organizations, legislators and the regulated community to advise the bureau on ozone and other air program policy issues and decisions. Contact: Jim Brooks, 287-7044

Regional Haze Issues

Mid Atlantic Northeast Visibility Union - Includes the same states as in the OTC minus Virginia and including Indian tribes. This group addresses regional haze issues with the goal of reducing regional haze to natural background levels by 2064. The focus areas are national parks and wilderness areas. In Maine, these include Acadia National Park, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, and Roosevelt Campobello International Park. Contact: Jim Brooks, 287-7044

Air Quality Issues in General

The Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (Nescaum) -- Group includes representatives from the New England states, New York and New Jersey. The representatives are the respective state's air program directors. The objective of the group is to foster coordinated regional air pollution

planning efforts covering the entire spectrum of air pollutants and issues including mercury, ozone, air toxics, regional haze and climate change. Contact: Jim Brooks, 287-7044

The New England Governor's Conference and the Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEGC/ECP) - The organization has focused on reducing mercury and acid rain, and climate change, issuing a Climate Change Action Plan in August 2001. Contact: Jim Brooks, 287-7044

Educational Efforts - The Maine Energy Education Program works with schools across the state to promote the Green Schools Program, which educates students, teachers, staff and communities about energy efficiency and its ties to the environmental and fiscal health of schools. Contact: Deb Avalone-King, 287-7028

School Bus Anti-Idling Program – The Air Bureau has been working with the Maine Department of Education, the USEPA, and the Asthma Regional Council located in Boston to develop a program to help Maine school districts across the state minimize students' and bus drivers' exposure to diesel exhaust. Exhaust poses health risks including asthma and cancer. The program promotes no idling of buses, school bus maintenance, modifying bus routes to reduce exposure times, emission control retrofits, use of cleaner burning fuels, and the purchase of cleaner buses. Contact: Lynne Cayting, 287-7599

Bureau of Land and Water Quality

Ad Hoc Initiatives

Stormwater – Maine must implement additional stormwater management measures to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program of the Clean Water Act. DEP has been working with two stakeholder groups on these requirements. The first formed in the winter of 2002 consists primarily of state agency staff, municipal officials and consultants for the purpose of providing input on a General Permit for those municipalities that must develop stormwater management programs. There are 28 such municipalities in Maine. Sub-committees met through summer 2002 regarding recommendations on six separate management measures. The second stakeholder group formed in June met into fall 2002. It has been providing input on how to regulate construction activities. This group includes representatives from state agencies (DOT, Maine Turnpike Authority, IF&W, DHS-Drinking Water Program, DOC and SPO), consultants, environmental, business and development groups. A general construction permit was issued March 10, 2003. Contact: Don Witherill, 287-7725

Sustainable Water Use – The 120th legislature passed “An Act to Require Major Water Users to Provide Public Information About their Annual Water withdrawals from Public Water Resources.” The Bureau will work over the next three years to

develop new tools to address water use issues and to ensure Maine's public water resources are used sustainably. A stakeholder group will be formed to guide rule making, which will establish water use standards for maintaining in stream flows. Contact: David Van Wie, 287-7849, Mark Margerum, 287-7842

Invasive Species – The Bureau works with IF&W to control the impacts of invasive species on Maine's water resources through boat and trailer inspections, education, management of infested sites, and supporting volunteers and local prevention efforts. Contact: John McPhedran, 287-6110

Finfish Aquaculture – Under NPDES the Department is required to issue waste discharge permits to 45 existing finfish aquaculture facilities. The Department will develop a general permit to provide an expedited permitting process. The Bureau has been coordinating this effort with the regulated community, DMR and other interested parties through an advisory committee. Contact: Dennis Merrill, 287-7788

Joint DEP/DHS Working Group – Land and Water Quality staff and Office of the Commissioner staff meet on a quarterly basis with DHS Drinking Water Program staff and Plumbing Code staff. Topics of common concern that are discussed relate to ground and surface waters both as receiving waters and as sources of drinking water. Contact: Mark Margerum, 287-7842

On-going Activities

Casco Bay Estuary Project – Land and Water Quality staff and Office of the Commissioner staff participate in the operations of the Casco Bay Estuary Project through activities on the Board of Directors and its executive committee. This is a collaborative effort with Casco Bay Estuary Project staff, USEPA Maine Program Staff, DMR, IF&W, NOAA, USF&WS, CCSWCD, City of Portland, City of South Portland, Portland Water District, University of Southern Maine, and the Greater Portland Council of Governments, and other non-governmental interests. The project focuses on issues relating to impacts to the waters of Casco Bay and tributaries, watershed protection, and habitat protection and restoration. Contact: John Wathen, 822-6330, Lee Doggett, 287-7666

Division of Environmental Assessment

Surface Water Ambient Toxics Program (SWAT) – DHS is an advisor to TAG (11 member Technical Advisory Committee) which advises the SWAT Program. DHS uses the data directly for their consumption advisories. Contact: Barry Mower, 287-7777

Dioxin Monitoring Program – DHS (advisor to TAG) uses the data directly for their fish consumption advisories to protect public health. Contact: Barry Mower, 287-7777

Invasive and Nuisance Species Program – Together, DEP and IF&W have joint program and funding responsibilities to address invasive and nuisance species. Contact: John McPhedran, 287-6110

Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory - DEP is a client for DHS's lab. Contact: Dave Courtemanch, 287-7789

Division of Watershed Management

Comprehensive Plan review – Bureau coordinates with SPO to review municipal comprehensive plans for water quality concerns. Contact: Jeff Dennis, 287-7847

Development application review – Bureau coordinates with LURC in DOC to provide technical (engineering) review for large development projects in the unorganized territory. Contact: Marianne Hubert, 287-4140

Surface Water Protection Program -- Working with DOT, the Bureau serves on an inter-agency review team to evaluate grant applications to fix road problems (erosion and stormwater). Contact: Bill Laflamme, 287-7726

Nonpoint Source Grant Program – USEPA, DOT, DHS (Div. of Health-Engineering), and DOC participate on inter-agency evaluation committees charged with ranking applications for 319 Nonpoint Source grant money. Contact: Norm Marcotte, 287-7727

Nonpoint Source Training Center Advisory Committee – DOT and Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District along with a number of private organizations provide input on nonpoint source pollution training needs. Contact: Bill Laflamme, 287-7726

Maine Watershed Management Committee -- DOT, DHS, DOC, SPO, IF&W, DMR, USEPA, NRCS, USGS, and Univ. of Maine Cooperative Extension meet quarterly to share information and collaborate on watershed management issues. Contact: Don Witherill, 287-7725

Division of Land Resource Regulation

Contact: Jeff Mador, 287-7848

Applications Review

Department of Marine Resources – Reviews applications under Natural Resources Protection Act and Site Location Law (on rare occasions). Formal MOU.

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife - Reviews applications under the Natural Resources Protection Act and Site Law. Formal MOU.

Department of Transportation - Reviews traffic aspects of Site Law applications. Since 1999 and the amendment to the Site Law to move traffic permitting to DOT, no reviews have been requested. Formal MOU.

Maine Geological Survey, Dept. of Conservation - Reviews applications under the Natural Resources Protection Law. Informal agreement.

Atlantic Salmon Commission - Reviews applications under the Natural Resources Protection Law and the Site Law. Informal agreement.

DOC, Bureau of Parks and Lands - Reviews applications for submerged lands issues for applications under the Natural Resources Protection Law. Informal agreement.

Natural Areas Program, Dept. of Conservation - Reviews applications under the Natural Resources Protection Law and the Site Law. Informal agreement.

Office of the Attorney General - Provides legal assistance in licensing and enforcement matters.

Division of Water Resource Regulation

Maine Pollution Discharge Elimination System/Waste Discharge License Program - Atlantic Salmon Commission, AGR, IF&W, DMR, MHPC, and SPO are review agents for draft permits. Contact: Gregg Wood, 287-7693

Hydropower Program – Atlantic Salmon Commission, IF&W, DMR, DOC, DOT, LURC, MHPC, and SPO are review agents for hydropower project permit applications and requests for water quality certification. Contact: Dana Murch, 287-7784

Water Levels – Atlantic Salmon Commission, IF&W, DMR, and DOC are requested to comment on petitions for water level/minimum flow orders on an as-needed basis. (Informal) Contact: Dana Murch, 287-7784

Dam Abandonment – DOC, IF&W and MEMA are requested to provide assessments of the public value of dams proposed for abandonment. Contact: Dana Murch, 287-7784

Division of Engineering, Compliance, and Technical Assistance

Grant and loan programs for municipal wastewater abatement projects - Provide funds for planning, design and construction of municipal wastewater abatement projects. Work with US Department of Agriculture Rural Development, DECD, USEPA and Maine Bond Bank. Contact: William Brown, 287-7804, Steve McLaughlin, 287-7768

Small Community Grant Program – Provides grants to correct malfunctioning septic systems. Works with DMR and DHS. Contact: Richard Green, 287-7765

Overboard Discharge Grants Program – Provides grants to eliminate overboard discharges. Works with DMR and DHS. Contact: Dave Achorn, 287-7766

Technical assistance, grants, and guidance on Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Projects - Works with US Department of Agriculture Rural Development, DECD, Maine Bond Bank. Contact: Don Albert, 287-7767

Technical assistance to industrial and municipal wastewater treatment facilities - Works with them in developing pollution prevention alternatives. Contact: Don Albert, 287-7767

Inspection of and technical assistance to, residential, municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities -- Administers the Operator Certification Program for licensing of municipal and industrial wastewater system operators. Contact: Don Albert, 287-7767

Overboard Discharge Program – Works to eliminate overboard discharges to Maine waters. Program works with DMR (review role), IF&W (review role), SPO (advisory), and LURC (review and advisory role). Contact: Pam Parker, 287-7905

Underground Injection Control – This program has no involvement by other state agencies, but works under a USEPA grant. Contact: Tammy Gould, 287-7814

Sand Salt Storage – Information requested on an as-needed basis from the DOT on the status of state funding for sand/salt storage buildings. Contact: Tammy Gould, 287-7814

Boat Pumpout - DMR (advisory) and SPO (advisory). Contact: Pam Parker, 287-7814

Enforcement – Work with Attorney General, DMR, DHS (Division of Health Engineering), AGR, DOC, DOT, IF&W, and Salmon Commission. All except AGR are informal relationships. Some contacts are infrequent, depending on occurrence of compliance problems. Contact: Dennis Merrill, 287-7788

Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management

Ad Hoc Initiatives

Mercury Products Advisory Committee – Bureau staffs the Committee, a statutorily created body composed of four legislators and nine public members that periodically provides input to the Legislature on mercury product matters.

Contact: David Lennett, 287-7890

Beneficial Use of Solid Waste Working Group - Convened by the Department, this group met over the past 2 years to focus on approaches to facilitate the environmentally sound beneficial reuse of various types of solid waste. The group was comprised of members from DEP, DOT, Maine Turnpike Authority, University of Maine, and a variety of businesses and industries. Contact: Paula Clark, 287-7718

Junkyard Regulation Working Group - Convened by the Department, this group met over the summer and fall of 2002 to identify and solve problems related to the regulation of junkyards. The group was comprised of code enforcement officers, town managers and selectmen from various municipalities, Maine Municipal Association staff and DEP. Contact: Paula Clark, 287-7718

Natural Resource Damage Assessment Working Group - Representatives of the Division of Response Services and regional directors in the EMRO and SMRO meet regularly with IF&W, DMR, and DOC to address planning, documentation, and technical issues regarding natural resource damage assessments (NRDA). The group as a whole interfaces with Federal interests with related responsibilities: USF&WS, NOAA, EPA as well as with interstate and international counterparts. Collaborative efforts have yielded an updated State NRDA plan and drafts of State/Federal standing MOAs. Contact: John Wathen, 822-6330, Barbara Parker, 287-7752

The Bureau is represented on several interstate, regional, and national groups:

Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) – This organization is a consortium of representatives from New England states, New York, and New Jersey that addresses a variety of solid and hazardous waste issues.

Association of State and Territorial Waste Management Officials – This organization is a national group that monitors and reviews federal policy in a variety of areas.

On-going Activities

The Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management is organized into six (6) program divisions.

Division of Oil and Hazardous Waste Facilities Regulation – Scott Whittier, 287-7674

The Division is responsible for:

- licensing and enforcement of hazardous waste, hazardous substances, and petroleum storage facility activities
- above ground petroleum storage tank and third-party damage claims insurance program
- underground storage tank installers certification and support to the Board of Underground Storage Tank Installers

Affiliations with Other State Agencies

Land Use Regulation Commission - Provides comments to LURC for permit applications for developments in the unorganized townships that include hazardous waste generation or petroleum storage.

Multiple agencies - Forward for review and comment applications for the operation of hazardous waste storage, treatment or disposal of hazardous waste to multiple state agencies.

AGR, DMR, IF&W, US Coast Guard and Maine Forest Service – Work with these agencies to investigate complaints of illegal dumping/disposal/management of waste oil, bio-medical waste or hazardous waste.

DMR, IF&W and others – Work with these agencies to assess natural resource damages resulting from petroleum releases.

DMR, IF&W, DHS (Bureau of Health) and other state and federal agencies - Determine possible damages to ecosystems and habitat resulting from releases and proposed remediation plans required by corrective action program.

University of Maine – Work with the University to access and review data acquired by the university system.

DHS (Bureau of Health) - Work with DHS to understand health and ecological related issues and risks resulting from exposure to releases of regulated substances. Work with State Toxicologist to determine appropriate media clean up standards.

DOL and US Occupational Health and Safety Administration - Work with DOL & OSHA to understand cause of releases to the environment and/or employee exposures to determine if violations of requirements administered in programs occurred. Make referrals of possible violations found during DEP inspections/investigations.

FAME – Evaluate financial condition of violators and those subject to reimbursement. Make referrals to companies seeking loans to improve facility operations and compliance. Submit annual report prepared jointly to legislature's Natural Resources Committee.

Board of Underground Oil Storage Tank Installers – Provide staff to the BUSTI board. Bring actions against certified installers who violate rules administered by DEP or BUSTI. Maintain records for certified installers and inspectors.

Fund Insurance Review Board – Represent program in appeals of eligibility for the coverage of clean up costs and eligible costs.

DOT – Utilize DOT services related to deed and title searches and preparation of easements. Seek permission for opening roadways to excavate contaminated soils or install water lines. Seek review comments for transportation issues related to permitted facilities.

Division of Program Services – David Maxwell, 287-7872

The Division is responsible for:

- fiscal management
- information technology management and development;
- operational support
- other environmental programs

Affiliations with Other State Agencies

ACE Service Center – Processing of financial and human resource transactions.

DAFS – Financial, human resource, and information technology matters.

Professional and Financial Regulation – Technical support for the aboveground home heating oil storage tank replacement program and sub-programs.

IF&W – Memorandum of agreement for sensitive area mapping, wildlife rehabilitation, and natural resource damage assessment.

DMR – Memorandum of agreement for sensitive area mapping, natural resource damage assessment.

Fund Insurance Review Board – Fiscal matters relative to the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund and information pertaining to aboveground home heating oil storage tank replacement program.

Maine Oil Spill Advisory Committee – Fiscal matters relative to the Maine Inland and Coastal Surface Oil Clean-up Fund.

Attorney General – Legal support in the pursuit of the reimbursement of spill clean-up costs

Division of Remediation – Mark Hyland, 287-7673

The Division is responsible for:

- federal SUPERFUND and BROWNFIELDS, state uncontrolled sites, and state voluntary response clean-up activities
- large-scale petroleum contaminated water replacement activities
- solid waste landfill remediation

Affiliations with Other State Agencies

Land for Maine's Future Program (LMFP) - Our Site Assessment Unit performed 19 Environmental Hazard Assessments (EHA) this year at parcels of property proposed for LMFP funding. The EHA consisted of a review of all DEP files to determine if the parcels had recorded discharges or environmental issues, and a site visit and interview with parties knowledgeable about the project parcels.

Maine State Museum and MHPC - Our staff worked with staff from the Eastern Surplus Superfund Site at Meddybemps to work out the ownership issues surrounding archeological artifacts excavated from the Superfund site. We continue to work with MHPC to find a caretaker or future landowner to preserve the site.

Atlantic Salmon Commission – We are also working with the Commission to remove an existing breached dam across the Denny's River at the site to improve fish migration.

DOT, DOC, IF&W, and DMR – Working with these departments to resolve issues at the Eastland Woolen Mill Superfund Site in Corinna. This complicated site requires coordination among these agencies. DEP staff worked with DOT to facilitate the realignment of State Route 7 and the reconstruction of the highway bridge over the Sebasticook River. Staff worked with DOC and IF&W staff to locate and construct a new snowmobile bridge over the Sebasticook River to replace the railroad bridge that was removed to realign the river and excavate contaminated sediments. Staff also coordinated repair of the Corundel Dam with IF&W staff and worked with IF&W and DMR staff on options to remove the breached dam at Moosehead Mill. Finally, the Sebasticook River was relocated in downtown Corinna and Mill Pond drained to facilitate the removal of contaminated sediment and soils from the area. Staff also worked with IF&W, DOC, DOT, and DMR staff to coordinate review comments back to USEPA regarding their mitigation plan.

DOT, DECD, MSHA, FAME, SPO and MHPC - Division staff participated with these agencies in the Downtown Maine Initiative to reduce sprawl and encourage redevelopment and reuse of the "downtown" areas of Maine's Cities and towns.

Division of Response Services – David Sait, 287-7190

The Division is responsible for:

- emergency response at spills or discharges of petroleum products and hazardous matter

Affiliations with Other State Agencies

MEMA – Petroleum and hazardous materials spill response.

State Emergency Response Team – Dealing with natural and man-made disasters (includes all major State agencies under the coordination of MEMA).

Joint Response Team – Petroleum and hazardous materials incident response on the US Canada border (US Rapid Response Team interface with Canadian national and provincial authorities).

State Emergency Response Commission - Coordination, planning, and training for statewide hazardous materials response (includes MEMA, DPS, DOT, and DHS).

Maine, New Hampshire Area Committee - Marine oil spill planning (includes IF&W and DMR).

Maine, New Hampshire Port Safety Forum - Prevention of marine accidents and oil spills (includes DOT).

IF&W – Memorandum of agreement for sensitive area mapping, wildlife rehabilitation, and natural resource damage assessment.

DMR – Memorandum of agreement for sensitive area mapping, natural resource damage assessment.

DAFS - Employee training tracking program.

Maine Oil Spill Advisory Committee – Has oversight for marine oil spill program (includes appointments by Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House as well as IF&W, DMR, and the University of Maine).

Division of Solid Waste Management – Paula Clark, 287-7718

The Division is responsible for:

- regulation of solid wastes and solid waste activities
- licensing and enforcement of solid waste facilities
- licensing and enforcement of sludge and residual landspreading
- certification of professionals and enforcement of activities in the asbestos and lead abatement program

- determinations of beneficial use of wastes

Affiliations with Other State Agencies

Asbestos Abatement Program - Licenses or certifies asbestos abatement companies and professionals, conducts compliance follow up to ensure that abatement standards are met, and conducts education and outreach activities. Memoranda of Understanding with USEPA, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and BGS concerning various program activities.

Composting – Division is a member of the “Maine Composting Team”, which also includes members from AGR, SPO and the Maine Cooperative Extension Service. Group works extensively together on composting research, training, and education & outreach.

Dredge Spoils - Work with DOT and its dredge management-working group on issues related to handling, beneficial use, and disposal of dredge spoils.

Household Hazardous Waste and Mercury Containing Products - Works with the SPO on grant programs, education & outreach, and funding issues concerning the collection, handling and disposal of household hazardous waste and mercury containing products.

Lead Abatement - Works closely with the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of DHS on matters concerning childhood lead poisoning. Issues addressed cooperatively have included education & outreach, funding and program coordination. There are formal Memoranda of Understanding with DHS and BGS.

Legal Support - Ongoing relationship with the Office of the Attorney General which provides legal support for all program areas.

Solid Waste Licensing, Enforcement, Remediation - Receives specialized support in selected instances for solid waste related license applications, enforcement cases or remedial projects from the State Toxicologist of DHS, DOT and IF&W.

Solid Waste Management Education & Outreach – Works with many outside parties to target, develop and deliver information, education and outreach programs. Parties include: schools, municipalities, regional planning commissions, Maine Municipal Association, professional associations, businesses, industries, Maine Resource Recovery Association and SPO.

Residuals Utilization - Works with AGR and the Maine Wastewater Control Association concerning certain issues related to the agronomic utilization of sludge, ash and other residuals.

Scrap Tire Abatement Program - Works cooperatively with DOT and the Maine Turnpike Authority to facilitate use of tire chips in road construction projects. The result of these projects has been positive for all agencies involved.

Division of Technical Services – George Seel, 287-7166

The Division is responsible for:

- engineering; hydrogeology, chemistry and other technical support for all programs
- investigation, prioritization, management and remediation of petroleum contaminated sites involving contaminated ground water and drinking water supplies
- development of environmental sampling quality assurance plans for Bureau programs
- development and management of Bureau's ground water and GIS database's, conducting scientific studies to support Bureau and Department policy and legislative initiatives

Affiliations with Other State Agencies

AGR, Natural Resources Division - Receive legal guidance in the development of program policies, legislation and rule making related to BRWM oil remediation and UST regulation program; provide expert testimony.

DHS, Bureau of Health, Drinking Water Program - MOA regarding sharing public drinking water well data and remediation of oil or hazardous substance contaminated public drinking water supplies; regulate replacement public drinking water supplies installed as part of BRWM long-term oil remediation program.

DHS, Bureau of Health, Maine Environmental & Health Testing Laboratory (HETL) - Primary laboratory used for drinking water, ground water, and soil testing for oil and hazardous substances; the division is HETL's largest client.

DHS, State Toxicologist - Provides guidance on public health risks & development of clean-up standards (drinking water and indoor air), provides staff training, collaborate on studies of public exposure to drinking water contamination.

DOC, Maine Geological Survey (MGS) - Exchange data and technical expertise; rely heavily on MGS mapping; MOA with MGS for funding of significant sand and gravel aquifer mapping.

DPS, State Fire Marshal's Office - Improvement of regulation of above ground oil storage facilities to prevent discharges to environment; share data on AST facilities; oversee obtaining GIS locations of above ground storage tank facilities.

DP&FR, Maine Oil & Solid Fuel Board - Collaborate on regulatory improvements to prevent discharges from home heating oil tanks, coordination regarding our bureau's home heating oil tank replacement program.

DOT, Environmental Services - MOA regarding sharing information and collaboration on oil remediation sites associated with highway/bridge construction projects.

Policies and Procedures Unit – John James, 287-7866

The Unit is responsible for:

- legislation, rulemaking and policy development matters
- compliance assurance support

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

All departments/agencies are Maine State agencies unless otherwise noted.

ACE – Agriculture, Conservation and Environmental Protection Service Center

AGR – Department of Agriculture

BGS – Bureau of General Services

BIS – Bureau of Information Services

CCSWCD – Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District

DAFS – Department of Administrative and Financial Services

DECD – Department of Economic and Community Development

DEP – Department of Environmental Protection

DHS – Department of Human Services

DMR – Department of Marine Resources

DOC – Department of Conservation

DOL – Department of Labor

DOT – Department of Transportation

DPS – Department of Public Safety

FAME – Finance Authority of Maine

IF&W – Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LURC – Land Use Regulation Commission

MEMA – Maine Emergency Management Agency

MHPC – Maine Historic Preservation Commission

MSHA – Maine State Housing Authority

MTI – Maine Technology Institute

NOAA – National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

NRCS – United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource
Conservation Service

OSHA – United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PFR – Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

PUC – Public Utilities Commission

SPO – State Planning Office

UMO – University of Maine

USEPA – United State Environmental Protection Agency

USF&WS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS – United State Geological Survey

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