

Performance Partnership Agreement for Federal Fiscal Years 2025-2028

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EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT

This Performance Partnership Agreement (Agreement or PPA) between the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA Region 1), covers the time period from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2028. It is consistent with the principles embodied in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Environmental Council of the States joint agreement to develop an effective National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS).

By entering into this Agreement, both agencies commit to: 1) improving communications using agreed-upon outcomes and environmental measures; 2) aligning and integrating both agencies' goals, objectives and targets; 3) investing resources in the identified Areas for Collaboration; and 4) ensuring that limited staff and financial resources are used judiciously to address the most significant environmental and programmatic issues in the state and region.

The undersigned execute this Agreement between MEDEP and EPA Region 1 for federal fiscal years 2025-2028. The Agreement, including the Areas for Collaboration, will be reviewed annually (as will the associated EPA Region 1 Priorities & Commitments Lists and MEDEP Comprehensive Work Plans), and modified as necessary to ensure that it remains relevant and up-to-date.

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II. OVERVIEW

A. Guiding Principles

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has entered into Performance Partnership Agreements (PPAs) with the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA Region 1) 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 cost of operating 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 for fewer state and federal resources devoted to grant oversight, reporting and administration.

This agreement covers a four-year period for federal fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028. Beginning in fiscal year 2021, the term of the Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) and the PPA have been synced and are both on the same four-year cycle. In addition, the EPA/MEDEP Priorities and Commitment List (P&C List) has been changed from renegotiating annually to renegotiating every two years, with the opportunity to reopen during the second year for any necessary adjustments. The most recent Reopener P&C List for federal fiscal year (FY) 2025 is included in Appendix A.

B. Roles/Contributions of Each Agency

In recent years, EPA Region 1 has broadened its approach in working with New England states to be a more collaborative partnership effort where EPA and the states pool their expertise and resources to work together to protect the environment and public health. Beginning in 2014, EPA has allowed for increased flexibility in states' commitments to assist states in addressing budget shortfalls, staffing challenges and emerging state priorities.

C. Strategic Investment/Disinvestment Process

In previous agreements, EPA Region 1 Senior Leadership and the Commissioners of the New England state environmental agencies periodically entered into specific negotiations around high-priority, major shifts (i.e., strategic investments and disinvestments) in commitments. To date, the strategic 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 – operationalizing NEPPS in a new way. In FY 2016, all states elected not to have a separate process and that any necessary disinvestment will be addressed and documented in their respective two-year P&C Lists going forward, as well as any comprehensive work plans generated.

While the development of the FY 2025-2028 PPA did not entail a separate strategic investment/disinvestment exercise, this general approach is well embedded in the process for identifying potential Areas for Collaboration (see [Section V](#)), as well as the process for negotiating the two-year P&C Lists and any comprehensive work plans generated.

III. MEDEP and EPA Region 1 – Strategic Priorities

This section provides summarized versions of the MEDEP and EPA Region 1 Strategic Priorities and Plans. More detailed versions of the current MEDEP and EPA Region 1 Strategic Plans are presented in the Appendices to identify the current environmental goals of both agencies.

A. MEDEP Strategic Priorities

MEDEP's mission is legislatively mandated to prevent, abate and control the pollution of the air, water and land. The charge is to preserve, improve and prevent diminution of the natural environment of the state. The Department is also directed to protect and enhance the public's right to use and enjoy the state's natural resources. The Department administers programs, educates and makes regulatory decisions that contribute to the achievement of this mission.

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.

B. EPA Region 1 Strategic Priorities

EPA's *FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan* communicates the Agency's priorities and provides the roadmap for achieving its mission to protect human health and the environment. In this Strategic Plan, the Agency renews its commitment to the three principles articulated by William Ruckelshaus, who served as the EPA's first Administrator (1970 – 1973, and then again from 1983 – 1985), to: follow the science, follow the law and be transparent. The Agency also adds a fourth foundational principle: advance justice and equity. We add this principle to infuse the consistent and systematic fair, just and impartial treatment of all individuals into all EPA policies, practices and programs. These principles form the basis of the Agency's culture and will guide our operations and decision making now and into the future.

Building on work already begun under President Biden's Executive Orders (E.O.s) 13985: *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government* and 14008: *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, and in alignment with the Administration's whole-of-government approach, we are charting a course in this Strategic Plan where tackling climate change and advancing environmental justice and civil rights are integral to all we do in carrying out EPA's mission.

In accordance with these priorities, we have established new strategic goals on addressing climate change and environmental justice to signal the importance of these issues. Goal 1 focuses on cutting pollution that causes climate change and increasing the adaptive capacity of Tribes, states, territories and communities, and Goal 2 focuses on achieving tangible progress for historically overburdened and underserved communities and ensuring the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income in developing and implementing environmental laws, regulations and policies. We will embed this focus into the work we do to carry out our five programmatic strategic goals for enforcement and compliance, air quality, water quality, land revitalization and chemical safety.

Our four cross-agency strategies describe the essential ways EPA will carry out our mission. These strategies include reinforcing science as foundational to Agency decision making; protecting children's environmental health; building back EPA's workforce with particular attention to equity and enhancing mission-support functions to achieve organizational excellence; and renewing our commitment to EPA's trust responsibility to Tribal nations and our engagement with Tribal, state, and local government partners, stakeholders, the regulated community and the public.

EPA's Strategic Plan includes a suite of long-term performance goals (LTPGs) that reflect the quantifiable outcomes we will achieve for each strategic objective and cross-agency strategy by 2026. LTPGs will help us understand, monitor, and tell the story of progress we are making to partners and external stakeholders, Agency employees and the public.

The EPA Strategic Plan identifies seven strategic goals to guide EPA's work, along with supporting objectives under each of the key goals:

Goal 1: Tackle the Climate Crisis: Cut pollution that causes climate change and increase the adaptive capacity of Tribes, states, territories and communities;

- Objective 1.1 – Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change
- Objective 1.2 – Accelerate Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts
- Objective 1.3 – Advance International and Subnational Climate Efforts

Goal 2: Take Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights: Achieve tangible progress for historically overburdened and underserved communities and ensure the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income in developing and implementing environmental laws, regulations and policies;

- Objective 2.1 – Promote Environmental Justice and Civil Rights at the Federal, Tribal, State, and Local Levels
- Objective 2.2 – Embed Environmental Justice and Civil Rights into EPA’s Programs, Policies, and Activities
- Objective 2.3 – Strengthen Civil Rights Enforcement in Communities with Environmental Justice Concerns

Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance: Improve compliance with the nation’s environmental laws and hold violators accountable;

- Objective 3.1 – Hold Environmental Violators and Responsible Parties Accountable
- Objective 3.2 – Detect Violations and Promote Compliance

Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities: Protect human health and the environment from the harmful effects of air pollution;

- Objective 4.1 – Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts
- Objective 4.2 – Reduce Exposure to Radiation and Improve Indoor Air

Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities: Provide clean and safe water for all communities and protect our nation’s waterbodies from degradation;

- Objective 5.1 – Ensure Safe Drinking Water and Reliable Water Infrastructure
- Objective 5.2 – Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds

Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities: Restore land to safe and productive uses to improve communities and protect public health;

- Objective 6.1 – Clean Up and Restore Land for Productive Uses and Healthy Communities
- Objective 6.2 – Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination
- Objective 6.3 – Prepare for and Respond to Environmental Emergencies

Goal 7: Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment: Increase the safety of chemicals and pesticides and prevent pollution at the source;

- Objective 7.1 – Ensure Chemical and Pesticide Safety
- Objective 7.2 – Promote Pollution Prevention

In addition, EPA has identified three FY 2022-2023 Agency Priority Goals (APGs), which are intended to jumpstart actions and showcase progress toward Administrator Regan’s priorities:

- Phase down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons;
- Clean up contaminated sites and invest in water infrastructure to enhance the livability and economic vitality of overburdened and underserved communities; and
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and EPA will reduce exposure to lead to protect families, particularly children, in overburdened and underserved communities.

C. Cross-Walk Between USEPA's and MEDEP's Strategic Plans

State Goals	Goal 1: Monitoring and Assessment	Goal 2: Standards Setting	Goal 3: Environmental Stewardship and Pollution Prevention	Goal 4: Regulated Activity Oversight	Goal 5: Pollution Response and Environmental Restoration	Goal 6: Agency Management
US EPA Goals						
Goal 1: Tackle the Climate Crisis	X		X		X	
Goal 2: Take Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights				X	X	X
Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance				X		
Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities	X		X	X		
Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities	X	X	X	X	X	
Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities	X		X	X	X	
Goal 7: Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment		X	X	X		

IV. Grants Management

A. Budget Narrative

This Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA) covers federal fiscal years 2025-2028 (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2028). The PPA, together with work plans (as represented by the associated P&C Lists and the related comprehensive MEDEP work plans), 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 Performance Partnership Grant (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:

- Air Pollution Control – CAA Sec.105
- Water Pollution Control – CWA Sec.106
- Nonpoint Source Management -- CWA Sec. 319(h)
- Underground Water Source Protection – SDWA Sec. 1443(b)
- Hazardous Waste Management – SWDA Sec. 3011(a)
- Lead-Based Paint Program – TSCA Sec. 404(g)
- Toxic Substances Compliance Monitoring – TSCA Sec. 28

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 Region 1's Strategic Plans. MEDEP and EPA Region 1 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. USEPA 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:

Except where otherwise authorized by statute, costs must meet the following general criteria in order to be allowable under Federal awards:

- (a) Be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the Federal award and be allocable thereto under these principles.
- (b) Conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in these principles or in the Federal award as to types or amount of cost items.

- (c) Be consistent with policies and procedures that apply uniformly to both federally-financed and other activities of the non-Federal entity.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), except, for state and local governments and Indian tribes only, as otherwise provided for in this part.
- (f) Not be included as a cost or used to meet cost sharing or matching requirements of any other federally-financed program in either the current or a prior period. See also [§ 200.306\(b\)](#).
- (g) Be adequately documented. See also [§§ 200.300](#) through [200.309 of this part](#).
- (h) Cost must be incurred during the approved budget period. The Federal awarding agency is authorized, at its discretion, to waive prior written approvals to carry forward unobligated balances to subsequent budget periods pursuant to [§ 200.308\(e\)\(3\)](#).

B. 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 grants and agreements are also subject to [2 CFR Part 200](#) and [2 CFR Part 1500](#), 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 USEPA 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 USEPA 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. USEPA 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 (USEPA Order 5700.7, Environmental Results Under USEPA 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 USEPA'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](#).

C. 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.

D. Work Plan Development Process

Starting with FY 2016, USEPA released a two-year NPM Guidance planning process and encouraged the regions and the states to move towards multi-year work plans. For FY 2016 and FY 2017, EPA Region 1 and the Region 1 states agreed to pilot an online (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. This approach should also better align the priorities communicated through the NPM and individual programmatic grant guidances with the commitments and flexibilities negotiated in grant work plans.

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

E. 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 Region 1 agree to meet as needed to discuss progress and address any areas of concern.

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, and identify areas where progress met or exceeded expectations, as well as areas where there may have been difficulty in achieving projected outcomes.

MEDEP and EPA Region 1 agree to develop (and to continuously improve) a process for jointly evaluating and reporting progress and accomplishments that comply with [40 CFR Part 35.115](#).

V. Areas for Collaboration

A. Areas for Collaboration Development Process

Key Areas for Collaboration (AFCs) between EPA and the states are included in each multi-year PPA. In order to maintain a high level of attention on the new AFCs and to gain the greatest benefits of a cooperative, problem-solving approach, close communication between both agencies is necessary throughout the Agreement period. Appropriate staff from the two organizations will provide coordinated, narrative updates to senior leadership at least annually to ensure that desired progress is being made on the selected AFCs. At the end of each year, the Areas for Collaboration will be reviewed and amended, as necessary. As appropriate, the organizations will work together to identify specific priority projects to be included on the Priorities and Commitments Lists.

It should be emphasized that exclusion of a particular issue or program area from the “Areas for Collaboration” section does not indicate a low priority or that significant work is not being accomplished in that area. All core MEDEP and EPA Region 1 services are ongoing and remain essential to protecting the environment and public health in Maine and in New England.

B. Description of Areas for Collaboration

Environmental Justice

MEDEP, through the FY 2025-2028 PPA, continues to ensure that environmental justice (EJ) is an integral consideration in the development and implementation of all its media programs.

MEDEP is committed to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all of its residents and believes that Environmental Justice will engage and reach all people regardless of race, color, national origin, English language proficiency or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

MEDEP addresses inequities by providing historically disenfranchised communities opportunities to learn and be meaningfully involved in projects that will impact their quality of life and the environment. MEDEP believes that environmental justice will be achieved when everyone enjoys a fair share of environmental benefits and the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, as well as access to materials, taking into account limited English proficiency and equal access to the decision-making process to help ensure a healthy environment in which to live, learn, work and play.

There is a growing body of evidence that minority and lower-income citizens, neighborhoods or communities have faced an inequitable share of the risks associated with environmental hazards. This applies both to urban areas as well as rural and more remote communities in Maine. The core issue is the fairness in siting, monitoring, and/or clean-up of facilities and the regulation of activities that represent environmental hazards and increased focus on improving the quality of the environment and public health in areas that may not have traditionally benefited from past approaches. MEDEP will work with EPA Region 1 to meet the priorities and goal of the Justice40 Initiative, with at least 40 percent of the overall benefits of qualifying federal EPA investments flowing to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved and overburdened by pollution in Maine as outlined in Executive Order 14008.

MEDEP is committed to working with EPA Region 1 to jointly collaborate on environmental and public health projects including, but not limited to, lead education and enforcement issues posed by older housing stock in underserved rural areas of the state including Washington and Aroostook Counties and population centers including Portland and Lewiston. MEDEP will continue participation in core state engagement activities with EPA Region 1 including but not limited to regular state engagement, all state meetings and regular gatherings of the Northern New England EJ coalition bringing together state environmental agencies from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. MEDEP also agrees to collaborate to support the needs of federally recognized Tribal Nations in Maine. Joint activities include community engagement, identifying key local environment and public health priorities and identifying opportunities to focus available state and federal resources (e.g., education, outreach, training, compliance assistance, sampling, funding, etc.) to improve the quality of the environment and public health.

Addressing Climate Change

Maine will continue to experience a range of impacts from climate change including increases in air and water temperature, changes to precipitation patterns, sea level rise (SLR), more intense weather events and flooding, and seasonal shifts. The impacts of climate change are already affecting the lives and livelihoods of our residents and visitors, degrading ambient and indoor air quality, threatening public health, and damaging infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems. As a result, there is broad consensus of the need to holistically address mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions to limit the magnitude and rate of climate change while also adapting to those impacts that are unavoidable. This approach should be integrated across all programs and media to the greatest extent possible.

MEDEP has been actively engaged in addressing climate change, including through MEDEP's Commissioner co-chairing the Maine Climate Council (38 MRS 577-A), which leads state efforts on climate change. The Climate Council adopted Maine Won't Wait: A Four-Year Plan for Climate Action December 1, 2020, and recently adopted the four-year update to this plan effective November 21, 2024. Department staff across air, water, land, and remediation and waste management programs support all Maine Climate Council subcommittees, working groups and related task forces and are taking a cross-departmental approach to incorporate climate change into monitoring, regulatory and funding programs to ensure they are responsive to Maine's climate action needs. For example, MEDEP's monitoring and assessment reports help the state understand changes in air, land and water quality over time so programs are better informed to take actions that reduce climate impacts. Staff from across the department contributed findings to the Scientific Assessment of Climate Change and its Effects in Maine reports (2020 & 2024) that provided the scientific basis for strategies in the Maine Climate Action Plan. The Maine Climate Council also has an equity subcommittee to ensure strategies support the greatest number of individuals possible. Related to this work, but outside the scope of the PPA, Maine is using the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants to support several policy analyses of the 2024 plan, including a completed analysis of Maine's waste sector emissions through Food Loss and Waste assessment.

MEDEP is charged with adopting rules to assure compliance with greenhouse reduction targets established in statute (576-A), which include gross reduction targets for 2030, 2040 and 2050, and to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. Chapter 167, Tracking and Reporting Gross and Net Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions, effective 2021 and amended 2024, standardized protocols for incorporating blue carbon into Maine's greenhouse gas inventory. A significant source of Blue Carbon data is from the Northeast Ocean Data Portal, maintained by the Northeast Regional Ocean Council in coordination with US EPA Region 1 and the Coastal Vegetation & Blue Carbon Work Group. In March 2021, Maine, along with ten other Northeast states, began working with US EPA Region 1 and US EPA Office of Research and Development to develop the first Consumption-Based Emissions Inventory (CBEI) to the Department's Biennial Report on Progress toward Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals by 2028. Finally, Maine's greenhouse gas reduction goals are consistent with the first subnational Regional Climate Change Action Plan created by the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, first adopted in 2001 and updated in 2017. Annual conferences of the NEG ECP focus consistently on climate change, energy, trade, ecological connectivity, hazard mitigation and adaptation, and are often attended by US EPA Region 1.

MEDEP and EPA share a common goal to tackle the climate crisis. Continuous coordination and communication can enhance and complement each agency's efforts. Meetings such as the New England State Climate Coordinator calls allow for peer-to-peer learning and discussion of barriers and lessons learned, as well as present new opportunities for interstate collaboration. EPA and MEDEP shall continue this dialogue and evaluate the need for additional options.

What a Successful Environmental, Public Health or Efficiency Outcome Looks Like:

- Continued communication between MEDEP and EPA to share successes and lessons learned regarding climate resilient actions and GHG reductions;
- Collaboration within agencies in your state and across different states to consider how climate change may affect their work and any adaptive measures that may be taken to mitigate those vulnerabilities;

- Collaboration within MEDEP programs to ensure that the agency’s outreach and education activities, loan and grant programs, rules and regulations, and public policy positions account for changing climatic and environmental conditions as well as minimize GHG emissions; and
- Continued education and engagement with communities—especially those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change—to help respond to changing environmental conditions.

Planned Actions:

MEDEP will participate in quarterly New England State Climate Coordinator calls and similar meetings to increase collaboration and communication on priorities and implementation strategies among state agencies and EPA.

MEDEP will coordinate with EPA on the implementation of the EPA Region 1 Climate Adaptation Plan Priority Actions, as appropriate, including:

- MEDEP will consider conducting water quality monitoring more frequently and in more locations to determine whether designated uses are attained and to document changes in climate conditions to inform water quality standard revisions and, if necessary, “Use Attainability Analyses” (UAAs), and
- MEDEP will use the best available scientific information on changes to wetlands ecosystems when making jurisdictional determinations.

MEDEP will use the latest data to consider future site conditions and suitability, especially impacts from climate change that may impact state investment across all programs in this PPA, as appropriate.

MEDEP, in collaboration with EPA, will increase community resilience through natural hazard prevention, planning, and response.

MEDEP will continue to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

MEDEP will collaborate with EPA on voluntary energy reduction strategies. As resources allow, MEDEP will encourage communities and facilities to use EPA tools to reduce their energy consumption.

MEDEP will continue to provide assistance to wastewater treatment and drinking water facilities on:

- designing water systems upgrades and protecting existing infrastructure and water quality impacted by all hazards and extreme events, and
- increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and use.

MEDEP will collaborate with EPA to support communities in analyzing local risks and vulnerabilities, design and implement mitigation strategies, and support emergency response capabilities, to minimize the negative effects of climate changes on infrastructure, public health and natural systems.

MEDEP will partner with EPA to strengthen watershed management practices through examination of policies, regulations and standards to advance restoration actions and protect water quality impacted by climate hazards.

APPENDICES

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			<i>Ozone, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and CO</i>	<i>Ozone, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ and CO</i>		
1	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Continue participation in EPA's AIRNOW program. Submit real-time pollutant data and provide forecasts and alerts. Attend R1 air quality outreach and forecasting workshop, if held, either in person or remotely and, as resources allow, attend the EPA National Air Quality Conference. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Ambient Air Monitoring for Criteria Pollutants, B.4.2, #8; and NAAQS, B.1.2.3 Other #1).	Continue participation in EPA's AIRNOW program. Submit real-time pollutant data and provide forecasts and alerts. Attend R1 air quality outreach and forecasting workshop, if held, either in person or remotely and, as resources allow, attend the EPA National Air Quality Conference. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Ambient Air Monitoring for Criteria Pollutants, B.4.2, #8; and NAAQS, B.1.2.3 Other #1).	Kevin Ostrowski 287-2424 Martha Webster 446-6057	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Michele Kosin
2	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Submit air emissions data for 2022 for large, Type A point sources to EPA's NEI by 1/15/2024. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.3, #2 and B.1.2.3 Other #5).	Submit air emissions data for 2023 for all stationary and mobile source sectors to EPA's NEI by 1/15/2025. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.3, #2 and B.1.2.3 Other #5).	Stacy Knapp 287-2235	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Bob McConnell 1046
3	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Work with EPA on annual update to the SIP Plan. Target date for updated plan is 12/31/2024. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.2, #8).	Work with EPA on annual update to the SIP Plan. Target date for updated plan is 12/31/2025. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.2, #8).	Jeff Crawford 242-3414	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Ariel Garcia 1660
4	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		For all future revisions to the SIP, work to implement the recommendations in the final Standard Operating Procedures document developed by EPA Region 1 and the New England states. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.2, #8 and #9).	For all future revisions to the SIP, work to implement the recommendations in the final Standard Operating Procedures document developed by EPA Region 1 and the New England states. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.2, #8 and #9).	Jeff Crawford 242-3414	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Ariel Garcia 1660
5	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		If the state has not done so, submit a RACT SIP for the 2015 ozone standard for any area remaining in the OTR. Final SIP is due on August 3, 2020. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.3, #7)	If the state has not done so, submit a RACT SIP for the 2015 ozone standard for any area remaining in the OTR. Final SIP is due on August 3, 2020. (Final FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.3, #7)	Jeff Crawford 242-3414, Jane Gilbert 287-2455	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech:
6	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		As a result of the South Coast II ruling, process conformity determinations for the 1997 8-hour ozone maintenance areas. Work with EPA if assistance is needed with ongoing conformity obligations. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.3, #10)	As a result of the South Coast II ruling, process conformity determinations for the 1997 8-hour ozone maintenance areas. Work with EPA if assistance is needed with ongoing conformity obligations. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.3, #10)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Lynne Cayting 287-7599	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Ariel Garcia 1660
7	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Continue to participate on the Clean Air Northeast Steering Committee monthly calls. Attend any Northeast Collaborative Stakeholder Meeting planned for 2023.	Continue to participate on the Clean Air Northeast Steering Committee monthly calls. Attend any Northeast Collaborative Stakeholder Meeting planned for 2023.	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Lynne Cayting 287-7599	Manager John Rogan - 1645 Tech: Gary Rennie -1525
8	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		If rulemaking for SSM SIP call is finalized, begin discussions with EPA/ME and draft revised regulations to address regulations included in the SSM SIP call. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.2, #6)	If required by the final SSM SIP call, submit revised regulations for SIP revision by deadline specified in the SSM SIP call. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.1.2, #6)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Lynne Cayting 287-7599, Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Eric Wortman Alison Simcox Tech:
			<i>NO₂ and SO₂</i>	<i>NO₂ and SO₂</i>		
9	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Annual Reporting Under SO2 Data Requirements Rule: Submit the annual report of SO2 emissions from Wyman Station as required under 40 CFR 51.1205(b) by July 1, 2024. ME DEP is recommended to make such submission in conjunction with its Annual Monitoring Network Plan. (FY'20-21 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, A1.2.1., #4)	Annual Reporting Under SO2 Data Requirements Rule: Submit the annual report of SO2 emissions from Wyman Station as required under 40 CFR 51.1205(b) by July 1, 2025. ME DEP is recommended to make such submission in conjunction with its Annual Monitoring Network Plan. (FY'20-21 OAR NPM Guidance: NAAQS, A1.2.1., #4)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Kevin Ostrowski 287-2424	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Pat Bird 1287;

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			<i>Regional Haze</i>	<i>Regional Haze</i>		
10	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		If not complete in 2023, submit ME Regional Haze SIP for the second regional haze planning period, due July 31, 2021. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Regional Haze, B.2.2, #3)	If not complete in 2024, submit ME Regional Haze SIP for the second regional haze planning period, due July 31, 2021. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Regional Haze, B.2.2, #3)	Jeff Crawford 242-3414, Kevin Ostrowski 287-2424	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Eric Rackauskas -1628
11	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Intentionally left blank	Regional haze second period progress report is due January 31, 2025, see 40 CFR 51.308(g).	Jeff Crawford 242-3414, Kevin Ostrowski 287-2424	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Eric Rackauskas -1628
			<i>Title V / NSR Permits</i>	<i>Title V / NSR Permits</i>		
12	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		During FY'24, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	During FY'25, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
13	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		During FY'24, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	During FY'25, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
14	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Title V renewals: Document the number of expired Title V permits as of Oct. 1, 2023 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	Title V renewals: Document the number of expired Title V permits as of Oct. 1, 2024 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
15	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		During FY'24, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #4)	During FY'25, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #4)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
16	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		During FY'24, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #5 and #7)	During FY'25, 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'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #5 and #7)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
17	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		In FY 24, Issue minor NSR and synthetic minor permits consistent with SIP-approved program and relevant EPA guidance or rules. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #8)	In FY 25, Issue minor NSR and synthetic minor permits consistent with SIP-approved program and relevant EPA guidance or rules. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #8)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
18	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		In FY24, advance environmental justice and Title VI civil rights considerations in air agency state implementation plans (SIPs) and air permitting for major stationary sources and major modifications, as well as for minor sources. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #6 and NAAQS B.1.1.3, #6)	In FY25, advance environmental justice and Title VI civil rights considerations in air agency state implementation plans (SIPs) and air permitting for major stationary sources and major modifications, as well as for minor sources. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #6 and NAAQS B.1.1.3, #6)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287 Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner

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19	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		In FY24, upload into EPA's Electronic Permits System draft, proposed, and final title V permits for EPA review and draft and final major NSR permits. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	In FY25, upload into EPA's Electronic Permits System draft, proposed, and final title V permits for EPA review and draft and final major NSR permits. (FY'23-24 OAR NPM Guidance: Title V & NSR Permitting, B.3.2., #1 and #2)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
20	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts	RR	Consistent with EPA's July 21, 2023 final rulemaking, make revisions to part 70 program, as necessary, to remove affirmative defense provisions by August 21, 2024 and submit to EPA as a title V program revision.		Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
21	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts			Participate in FY25 title V program evaluation on the ME DEP operating permits program.	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird 1287; Tech: Morgan McGrath 1541 & Andre Turner
			<i>Air Monitoring</i>	<i>Air Monitoring</i>		Senior Program Manager: Leiran Biton - 1267
22	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Air Monitoring Network: Submit to EPA by July 1, 2024 the annual air monitoring network plan (40 CFR 58.10). State Plan should be made available for public and EPA review by May 31, 2024 at the latest. The Plan should include ensuring monitoring networks are consistent with the requirements of recent NO2, SO2, CO, lead and ozone NAAQS rules, in particular.	Air Monitoring Network: Submit to EPA by July 1, 2025 the annual air monitoring network plan (40 CFR 58.10). State Plan should be made available for public and EPA review by May 31, 2025 at the latest. The Plan should include ensuring monitoring networks are consistent with the requirements of recent NO2, SO2, CO, lead and ozone NAAQS rules, in particular.	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383
23	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Air Monitoring Network: Operate EPA-approved network (SLAMS, 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, & 58.16) and submit the Annual Air Quality Data certification by May 1, 2024 (40 CFR 58.15).	Air Monitoring Network: Operate EPA-approved network (SLAMS, 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, & 58.16) and submit the Annual Air Quality Data certification by May 1, 2025 (40 CFR 58.15).	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383
24	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Submit QAPP annual updates for PM and gaseous criteria pollutants by November 1, 2024. Ensure adequate, independent QA audits of NAAQS monitors or participate in NPAP and PEP QA Programs.	Submit QAPP annual updates for PM and gaseous criteria pollutants by November 1, 2025. Ensure adequate, independent QA audits of NAAQS monitors or participate in NPAP and PEP QA Programs.	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383
25	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Toxics Air Monitoring: Continue operation of the toxics air monitoring sites and enter the data into AQS. State should analyze data collected.	Toxics Air Monitoring: Continue operation of the toxics air monitoring sites and enter the data into AQS. State should analyze data collected.	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383
26	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Technical forum: EPA Region 1 will help facilitate scheduling of at least one technical forum during FY '24 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.	Technical forum: EPA Region 1 will help facilitate scheduling of at least one technical forum during FY '25 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.	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383

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27	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		[Intentionally left blank]	Air Monitoring Network: Conduct and Submit 5 Year Network Assessment to ensure all monitoring objectives are met. Should conduct public notice (along with ANP) and must be submitted to EPA by July 1, 2025.	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383
28	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Air Monitoring Network: Participate and respond to EPA Technical Systems Audit (TSA) for ME in FY' 24.	[Intentionally left blank]	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383
29	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Air Monitoring Network: Send at least 2 State staff members to National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference during the fiscal year in which it is held.	[Intentionally left blank]	David Lemery 557-0353	Tech: MJ Cuzzupe -8383
			<i>Air Toxics</i>	<i>Air Toxics</i>		
30	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		As appropriate and as resources allow, participate in a regional air toxics workshop if held by EPA Region 1 in FY 2024 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 2025 to discuss various NESHAP implementation issues.	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird; Tech: Jessica Kilpatrick -1652/Liam Numrich 1307
31	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Continue implementation of 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'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: Air Toxics Program Implementation, A.5.2., #1 and #2)	Continue implementation of 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'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: Air Toxics Program Implementation, A.5.2., #1 and #2)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Erle Townsend 287-6115, Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird; Tech: Jessica Kilpatrick -1652/Liam Numrich 1307
31a	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts	RN			Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Erle Townsend 287-6115, Jane Gilbert 530-0554	SPM: John Rogan -1656 Tech: Kate Crowley - 1063
32	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Complete rulemaking to incorporate by reference New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) new rules and amendments since 2022 into Maine's Chapter 143 and 144. (FY'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: Air Toxics Program Implementation, A.5.2., #1 and #2)	Complete rulemaking to incorporate by reference New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) new rules and amendments since 2024 into Maine's Chapter 143 and 144. (FY'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: Air Toxics Program Implementation, A.5.2., #1 and #2)	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Erle Townsend 287-6115, Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird; Tech: Jessica Kilpatrick -1652/Liam Numrich 1307
33	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Work on outreach and educational efforts to address wood smoke issues, including outreach with EPA's 2015 Residential Wood Heater NSPS rules to ensure only compliant heaters are sold. By April 30, 2024, submit a brief summary of outreach and educational activities completed. (FY'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.2.3, #9).	Work on outreach and educational efforts to address wood smoke issues, including outreach with EPA's 2015 Residential Wood Heater NSPS rules to ensure only compliant heaters are sold. By April 30, 2025, submit a brief summary of outreach and educational activities completed. (FY'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: NAAQS, B.1.2.3, #9).	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Erle Townsend 287-6115, Stacy Knapp 287-2235	Manager Eric Wortman -1624; Tech: Alison Simcox

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34	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		Review and comment on draft community risk analyses developed by EPA when available for state comment. (FY'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: Air Toxics Program Implementation, A.5.2., #4)	Review and comment on draft community risk analyses developed by EPA when available for state comment. (FY'23-24 OAR National Program Guidance: Air Toxics Program Implementation, A.5.2., #4)	Andy Johnson 287-7047, Stacy Knapp 287-2235	Manager: Pat Bird; Tech: Jessica Kilpatrick -1652/Liam Numrich 1307
35	Goal 4: Ensure Clean and Healthy Air for All Communities Objective 4.1: Improve Air Quality and Reduce Localized Pollution and Health Impacts		As resources allow, review sources lists provided by EPA under the residual risk and technology review (RTR) program to determine whether the sources identified are covered by the standard. In addition, review and comment on RTR emissions data for sources in the state.	As resources allow, review sources lists provided by EPA under the residual risk and technology review (RTR) program to determine whether the sources identified are covered by the standard. In addition, review and comment on RTR emissions data for sources in the state.	Jane Gilbert 530-0554	Manager: Pat Bird; Tech: Jessica Kilpatrick -1652/Liam Numrich 1307
			<i>GHG Actions in the Industrial Sector</i>	<i>GHG Actions in the Industrial Sector</i>		
36	Goal 1: Tackle the Climate Crisis, Objective: 1.1 Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change		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.	Stacy Knapp 287-2235	Manager: John Rogan -1645, Tech: Shutsu Wong -1078

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			UIC	UIC	Gregg Wood 287-7693	Senior Program Manager: Denise Springborg -1681			MEDEP	EPA
			UIC	UIC	Gregg Wood 287-7693	Senior Program Manager: Denise Springborg -1681				
1	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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 and EPA's new web based data submission portal.	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 and EPA's new web based data submission portal.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Enid Mitnik 592-2068	Manager: Denise Springborg-1681; Tech: Stafford Madison -1622				
2	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Enid Mitnik 592-2068	Manager: Denise Springborg-1681; Tech: Stafford Madison -1622				
3	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Coordinate with EPA to evaluate UIC-related regulatory revisions that have occurred since the original application for primacy for the Class V 1999 amendment. If needed, work with EPA to review regulatory crosswalk and develop a primacy revision package.	Coordinate with EPA to evaluate UIC-related regulatory revisions that have occurred since the original application for primacy for the Class V 1999 amendment. If needed, work with EPA to review regulatory crosswalk and develop a primacy revision package.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Enid Mitnik 592-2068	Manager: Denise Springborg-1681; Tech: Stafford Madison -1622				
			Water Monitoring	Water Monitoring	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Manager Eric Magnan-8302				
4	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Continue implementing final comprehensive water monitoring strategy covering lakes, rivers, estuaries and wetlands.	Revise and update comprehensive water monitoring strategy covering lakes, rivers, estuaries and wetlands. Continue implementing previous strategy.	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Manager Eric Magnan-8302 Tech: Tom Faber -8672				
5	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Conduct statewide probabilistic survey 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 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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Linda Bacon 441-0462	Manager Eric Magnan-8302 Tech: Tom Faber -8672				
6	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Report on outcomes of monitoring activities using FY2023 106 supplemental funding for monitoring by Dec. 31, 2024, and prepare workplan for FY2024 106 supplemental funds by April 15, 2024.	Report on outcomes of monitoring activities using FY2024 106 supplemental funding for monitoring by Dec. 31, 2025, and prepare workplan for FY2025 106 supplemental funds by April 15, 2025.	Wendy Garland 215-9751	Manager Eric Magnan-8302 Tech: Tom Faber -8672				
7	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Participate as feasible in New England-wide projects and activities, and attend relevant regional meetings/conferences.	Participate as feasible in New England-wide projects and activities, and attend relevant regional meetings/conferences.	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Manager Eric Magnan-8302 Tech: Hilary Snook -8670				
8	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Participate in or coordinate with EPA Office of Water's National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) and submit workplan reflecting level of participation.	Participate in or coordinate with EPA Office of Water's National Aquatic Resource Surveys (NARS) and submit workplan reflecting level of participation.	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Manager Eric Magnan-8302 Tech: Hilary Snook -8670				
9	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Continue development of biological assessment techniques for lakes/ponds and wetlands.	Continue development of biological assessment techniques for lakes/ponds and wetlands.	Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345 Linda Bacon 441-0462, Beth Connors 441-6139	Manager Eric Magnan-8302 Tech: Hilary Snook -8670		MDEP contacts updated. Note: The Biological Monitoring program is also developing wetland biological assessment techniques.		
9a	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds	RN			Wendy Garland 615.2451 Cheyenne Adams 352.8508	Senior Program Manager: Regina Lyons -1557 Tech: Phil Colarusso -1506	Explore the use of satellite imagery for seagrass mapping in Maine and, if successful, enhance seagrass mapping outputs with satellite-derived data products.	In October 2024, MEDEP Requested to use a PPG grant number to access satellite imagery under NASA's Commercial SmallSat Data Acquisition (CSDA) program. Language for this new commitment was added in October 2024 through special "Reopener" process.	WG 10/30/24	RL 10/31/24
			303(d)/305(b)	303(d)/305(b)	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Managers: Eric Magnan-8302 & Thelma Murphy -1615				
10	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Submit combined 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report by April 1, 2024.		Wendy Garland 615-2451; Meagan Sims 530-2518	Senior Program Managers: Eric Magnan-8302 & Thelma Murphy -1615 Tech: Bonnie Blalock - 1253 & Tim Bridges - 8603		MDEP contacts updated. Susanne Meidel retired and Meagan Sims took over Susanne's role as WQS Coordinator.		
			WQX (Water Quality Exchange)	WQX (Water Quality Exchange)	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Manager Eric Magnan-8302				

11	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Provide annual uploads of physical, chemical and biological data to WQX	Provide annual uploads of physical, chemical and biological data to WQX	Wendy Garland 615-2451; Jackie Dearborn 719-8087	Manager:Eric Magnan-8302 Tech: Monique Dulac- 8327				
			<i>Water Quality Standards - Biological, Nutrient</i>	<i>Water Quality Standards - Biological, Nutrient</i>	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Managers: Eric Magnan-8302 & Thelma Murphy -1615				
12	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Rob Mohlar 592-1439	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615 & Eric Magnan - 8302 Tech: Dan Arsenault - 1562 & Hilary Snook - 8670				
13	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Continue ongoing WQS reviews, activities, and work with EPA to resolve outstanding issues. (WQ-03a, WQ-04a) Adopt criteria consistent with EPA's 304(a) recommendations.	Continue ongoing WQS reviews, activities, and work with EPA to resolve outstanding issues. (WQ-03a, WQ-04a) Adopt criteria consistent with EPA's 304(a) recommendations.	Wendy Garland 615-2451; Meagan Sims 530-2518	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615 & Eric Magnan - 8302 Tech: Dan Arsenault - 1562 & Hilary Snook - 8670		MDEP contacts updated. Susanne Meidel retired and Meagan Sims took over Susanne's role as WQS Coordinator.		
14	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Work with EPA to facilitate adoption of numeric phosphorus and nitrogen criteria for 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 rivers/streams, and estuaries at the earliest possible time. (WQ-01a, WQ-01d)	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Tom Danielson 441-7430; Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615 & Eric Magnan - 8302 Tech: Dan Arsenault - 1562 & Hilary Snook - 8670				
15	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Provide any necessary schedule updates and progress report on nutrient criteria development to EPA annually, by December 31. 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 31. 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)	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Tom Danielson 441-7430; Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615 & Eric Magnan - 8302 Tech: Dan Arsenault - 1562 & Hilary Snook - 8670				
			<i>TMDL Development</i>	<i>TMDL Development</i>	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Manager: Thelma Murphy -1615				
16	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Complete Bridge period commitments by 9/30/24. On or before 09/30/24, enter Vision 2 commitments into ATTAINS for completing plans (TMDLs, Advance Restoration Plans and protection plans) or having plans in development for the two-year FY 2025-2026 period. Submit the state's Vision 2.0 Prioritization Framework, incorporating public participation and comment, to EPA by 4/1/2024.	On or before 09/30/25, check in with EPA on the status of any plans that are in the Vision 2 Period commitments that will carry over into FY 26.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Tracy Krueger (215-6851)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615 Tech: Bonnie Blalock -1253				
17	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Participate in Region 1/State/NEIWPCC TMDL efforts to improve environmental effectiveness of the TMDL program.	Participate in Region 1/State/NEIWPCC TMDL efforts to improve environmental effectiveness of the TMDL program.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Tracy Krueger (215-6851)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615 Tech: Bonnie Blalock -1253				
			<i>NPS 319</i>	<i>NPS 319</i>	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Manager: MaryJo Feuerbach -1578				
18	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds	RR	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 implementing watershed-based plans (WBP) to protect or restore priority water bodies. 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. Continue to work with USDA through participation on the State Technical Committee and to support the National Water Quality Initiative, including monitoring. State agency will enter all state-mandatory GRTS data elements within 90 days of a new categorical grant or PPG award and before the national deadline (currently March 31); add GRTS data as projects are implemented per grant term and condition; and promptly assist EPA (HQ or Region) with data reconciliation and quality checks when requested.Submit an annual work plan and schedule that describes proposed 319-funded work, outputs, staffing, environmental outcomes, and budget, consistent with management plan milestones.	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 implementing watershed-based plans (WBP) to protect or restore priority water bodies. 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. Continue to work with USDA through participation on the State Technical Committee and to support the National Water Quality Initiative, including monitoring. State agency will enter all state-mandatory GRTS data elements within 90 days of a new categorical grant or PPG award and before the national deadline (currently March 31); add GRTS data as projects are implemented per grant term and condition; and promptly assist EPA (HQ or Region) with data reconciliation and quality checks when requested.Submit an annual work plan and schedule that describes proposed 319-funded work, outputs, staffing, environmental outcomes, and budget, consistent with management plan milestones.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Alex Wong (694-9533)	Manager: MaryJo Feuerbach - 1578, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566	National Guidelines: Use the Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories dated May 4, 2024, to identify eligible activities, program priorities, programmatic conditions, and reporting requirements. At least 50% of 319 funding will be used for implementing watershed-based plans (WBP) to protect or restore priority water bodies. One nine-element WBP per state will be submitted annually to the Region for review; alternative watershed-based plan(s) will be submitted to the Region for review and approval. Continue to work with USDA through participation on the State Technical Committee and to support the National Water Quality Initiative, including monitoring. State agency will enter all state-mandatory GRTS data elements within 90 days of a new categorical grant or PPG award and before the national deadline (currently March 31); add GRTS data as projects are implemented per grant term and condition; and promptly assist EPA (HQ or Region) with data reconciliation and quality checks when requested. Submit an annual work plan and schedule that describes proposed 319-funded work, outputs, staffing, environmental outcomes, and budget, consistent with management plan milestones.	EPA anticipates the release of new NPS program Guidelines late spring or early summer. When this happens, we will follow-up with states to discuss additional revisions that may be required to be consistent with the updated Guidelines. At a minimum we will update this P&C to reference the new Guidelines. MF 6/7/24 Note: with the Guidelines now issued, Region 1 updated the P&C to reference current Guidelines dated May 4, 2024. MF 7/22/24	WG AW 7/25/24	MF 8/1/24
19	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		NPS meetings/training: A representative of the state's NPS program is expected to attend national and regional NPS and GRTS training workshops, conferences and meetings convened by EPA unless prevented by state-wide travel bans. Annual state work plans should include adequate 319 funds to cover travel expenses for NPS program staff to participate unless state funds are available for this purpose.	NPS meetings/training: A representative of the state's NPS program is expected to attend national and regional NPS and GRTS training workshops, conferences and meetings convened by EPA unless prevented by state-wide travel bans. Annual state work plans should include adequate 319 funds to cover travel expenses for NPS program staff to participate unless state funds are available for this purpose.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Alex Wong (694-9533)	Manager: MaryJo Feuerbach - 1578, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566				

20	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds	RR	Success Stories: Submit success stories for impairments eliminated in previous years (Type 1 stories) and/or that show improvement in water quality (Type 2 stories) or demonstrate ecological restoration (Type 3 stories). To do this, identify impairments eliminated or waterbodies with demonstrated water quality or habitat improvements, 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 (https://www.epa.gov/nps/about-nonpoint-source-pollution-success-stories#How), prepare and submit to EPA candidate success stories (via the Grants Reporting Tracking System portal) by July 15th. See http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/ for examples of success stories and other information.	Success Stories: Submit success stories for impairments eliminated in previous years (Type 1 stories) and/or that show improvement in water quality (Type 2 stories) or demonstrate ecological restoration (Type 3 stories). To do this, identify impairments eliminated or waterbodies with demonstrated water quality or habitat improvements, 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 (https://www.epa.gov/nps/about-nonpoint-source-pollution-success-stories#How), prepare and submit to EPA candidate success stories (via the Grants Reporting Tracking System portal) by July 15th. See http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/ for examples of success stories and other information.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Alex Wong (694-9533)	Manager: MaryJo Feuerbach - 1578, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566	Success Stories: Submit success stories for impairments eliminated in previous years (Type 1 stories) and/or that show improvement in water quality (Type 2 stories) or demonstrate ecological restoration (Type 3 stories). To do this, identify impairments eliminated or waterbodies with demonstrated water quality or habitat improvements, and investigate whether local, state, federal or private NPS mitigation occurred that might make these waterbodies a candidate for a NPS Success Story. In addition, beginning in FY25, submit success stories for sustained prevention of water quality degradation in healthy waters (Type 4 stories) and/or success stories that feature interim metrics/measures (Type 5 stories). Using EPA's guidance (https://www.epa.gov/nps/about-nonpoint-source-pollution-success-stories#How), prepare and submit to EPA candidate success stories (via the Grants Reporting Tracking System portal) by August 15th. See http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/success319/ for examples of success stories and other information.	WG AW 7/25/24	MF 8/1/24
21	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Annual Report: In accordance with the CWA and following the current Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines, report annually by May 1 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 year 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.	Annual Report: In accordance with the CWA and following the current Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines, report annually by May 1 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 year 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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Alex Wong (694-9533)	Manager: MaryJo Feuerbach - 1578, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566			
22	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Satisfactory Progress Review: 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.	Satisfactory Progress Review: 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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Alex Wong (694-9533)	Manager: MaryJo Feuerbach - 1578, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1566			
23	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Management Program Update: By October 1, 2024, have an updated and EPA-approved NPS Management Program in place including annual milestones for 2025-2029.	Management Program Update: By October 1, 2024, have an updated and EPA-approved NPS Management Program in place including annual milestones for 2025-2029.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Alex Wong (694-9533)	Manager: MaryJo Feuerbach - 1578, Tech: Sandra Fancieullo - 1567			
			<i>NPDES Development</i>	<i>NPDES Development</i>	Gregg Wood 287-7693	Senior Program Manager: Lynne Jennings -1210			
24	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		In FY24, the state will work with EPA to establish and achieve a metric for backlog reduction consistent with National Water Program Guidance and will continue to track and report the number of permits issued and backlogged each quarter.	In FY25, the state will work with EPA to establish and achieve a metric for backlog reduction consistent with National Water Program Guidance and will continue to track and report the number of permits issued and backlogged each quarter.	Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582			
25	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Perform 2 audits and 4 PCI's of the 11 pre-treatment facilities.	Perform 2 audits and 4 PCI's of the 11 pre-treatment facilities.	Greg Wood 287-7693 Jim Crowley 287-8898	Senior Program Manager: Mark Spinale -1547; Tech: Jay Pimpare - 1531			
26	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		The State will continue to work to meet the E-Reporting Rule Phase 2 deadline of 12/21/25 for electronic notices of intent (NOIs) and all other reporting covered in Phase 2, as described in the Maine DEP State Implementation Plan submitted to EPA on December 20, 2016.	The State will continue to work to meet the E-Reporting Rule Phase 2 deadline of 12/21/25 for electronic notices of intent (NOIs) and all other reporting covered in Phase 2, as described in the Maine DEP State Implementation Plan submitted to EPA on December 20, 2016.	Greg Wood 287-7693 Holly Ireland 451-2286	Manager: Beth Kudaruskas - 1564 ; Tech - Mary Dever - 1717			
27	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, Reissue the Construction Storm Water GP pursuant to EPA guidelines by 6/30/24. The Construction Storm Water GP expired 1/20/08.	Per the FY23 PQR, Implement the Newly Issued Construction Storm Water GP pursuant to EPA guidelines.	Robert Wood 855-8361 Mark Stebbins 592-4810	Manager: Damien Houlihan - 1586			
28	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Robert Wood 855-8361	Manager: Damien Houlihan - 1586			
29	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Revise/reissue state general permit for Industrial Stormwater incorporating federal MSGP requirements	Revise/reissue state general permit for Industrial Stormwater incorporating federal MSGP requirements	Gregg Wood, 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Damien Houlihan - 1586			

30	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	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.	Robert Wood 855-8361 Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: Damien Houlihan - 1586				
31	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, Maine shall correct the deficiencies in the MS4 General Permit by taking one of the following actions by 6/30/24: 1. MEDEP can revoke approval of the model LID ordinances submitted by those permit holders that did not contain clear, specific and measurable terms for each LID measure found in Table 1 of Appendix F of the MS4 General Permit and issue new approval letters that contain performance standards for each LID measure found in Table 1 of Appendix F of the MS4 General Permit that those permit holders must adopt in their LID ordinance as required by the MS4 General Permit 2. Modify the MS4 General Permit to contain performance standards for each LID measure found in Table 1 of Appendix F of the MS4 General Permit that all permit holders must adopt in their LID ordinance 3. Some other action approved by EPA.	Implement the MS4 General Permit as corrected in accordance with the federal regulations.	Gregg Wood 287-7693	Manager: Damien Houlihan - 1586				
32	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
33	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, Maine shall 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, an amended NPDES MOA, and an updated AG Statement to obtain authorization to regulate cooling water intake structures. Maine shall complete the application materials and submit to EPA no later than 12/31/24.	If not authorized in FY24, Maine shall continue to work with EPA to revise the application for NPDES authorization CWA 316(b) and seek to rectify deficiencies as soon as practicable to facilitate authorization no later than FY25.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Matt Hight 719-0703	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
34	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
35	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, ensure application forms require data and information consistent with 40 CFR 122.21(j) for POTWs and 40 CFR 122.21(h) for industrial facilities discharging only non-process wastewater. Documentation of any waivers to application information requirements should be contained in the permit record.	Per the FY23 PQR, ensure application forms require data and information consistent with 40 CFR 122.21(j) for POTWs and 40 CFR 122.21(h) for industrial facilities discharging only non-process wastewater. Documentation of any waivers to application information requirements should be contained in the permit record.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
36	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, develop technology-based effluent limitations (TBELs) consistent with federal regulations. This includes ensuring the permit record for TBELs established through Best Professional Judgment includes an evaluation of criteria contained in 40 CFR 125.3(d) and that TBELs are based upon a reasonable measure of actual production at the facility and not designed production capacity, in accordance 40 CFR 122.45(b)(2)(i).	Per the FY23 PQR, develop technology-based effluent limitations (TBELs) consistent with federal regulations. This includes ensuring the permit record for TBELs established through Best Professional Judgment includes an evaluation of criteria contained in 40 CFR 125.3(d) and that TBELs are based upon a reasonable measure of actual production at the facility and not designed production capacity, in accordance 40 CFR 122.45(b)(2)(i).	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
37	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, continue to work with EPA to revise and improve its reasonable potential analysis procedures to ensure they are protective of State WQS in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(ii).	Per the FY23 PQR, continue to work with EPA to revise and improve its reasonable potential analysis procedures to ensure they are protective of State WQS in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(ii).	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
38	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, When a permit limit is removed or made less stringent, justify and document how such an action is consistent with the anti-backsliding regulations in 40 CFR 122.44(l) and federal statute at CWA §§ 402(o) and 303(d)(4).	Per the FY23 PQR, When a permit limit is removed or made less stringent, justify and document how such an action is consistent with the anti-backsliding regulations in 40 CFR 122.44(l) and federal statute at CWA §§ 402(o) and 303(d)(4).	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
39	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, conduct reasonable potential analysis and ensure that water quality based effluent limitations are developed for nutrient parameters that demonstrate reasonable potential, consistent with 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1).	Per the FY23 PQR, conduct reasonable potential analysis and ensure that water quality based effluent limitations are developed for nutrient parameters that demonstrate reasonable potential, consistent with 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1).	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
40	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, ensure that permits contain all federal standard conditions and that standard conditions reflect the correct requirements.	Per the FY23 PQR, ensure that permits contain all federal standard conditions and that standard conditions reflect the correct requirements.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Matt Hight 719-0703	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				

41	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Per the FY23 PQR, continue to implement the approach to permit review agreed upon with EPA.	Per the FY23 PQR, continue to implement the approach to permit review agreed upon with EPA.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
42	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Ensure the permit record includes documents and information used in development of permit conditions as outlined in 40 CFR 124.8, 124.9, and 124.56. Examples of such information include: DeTox reports, effluent monitoring data, backsliding justification, antidegradation analysis, and dilution factor modeling and calculations.	Ensure the permit record includes documents and information used in development of permit conditions as outlined in 40 CFR 124.8, 124.9, and 124.56. Examples of such information include: DeTox reports, effluent monitoring data, backsliding justification, antidegradation analysis, and dilution factor modeling and calculations.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Laura Crossley 615-6711	Manager: Ellen Weitzler -1582				
			<i>Wetlands</i>	<i>Wetlands</i>	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Manager: Thelma Murphy -1615				
43	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Continue administration of the In-lieu fee mitigation program	Continue administration of the In-lieu fee mitigation program	Robert Wood 855-8361	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615, Tech: Mike Marsh - 1556				
44	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		As appropriate and as resources allow, continue to participate in the NEBAWWG, NAB, NEERS, NEIWPCC biological monitoring and assessment efforts.	As appropriate and as resources allow, continue to participate in the NEBAWWG, NAB, NEERS, NEIWPCC biological monitoring and assessment efforts.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345; Beth Connors (441-6139)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615, Tech: Mike Marsh - 1556				
45	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345; Beth Connors (441-6139)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615, Tech: Mike Marsh - 1556				
46	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Robert Wood 855-8361 Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345 Beth Connors (441-6139)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615, Tech: Mike Marsh - 1556				
47	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		Support the Region 1 wetland program priority in 2024 and 2025: 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 2024 and 2025: 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.	Robert Wood 855-8361 Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345 Beth Connors (441-6139)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615, Tech: Mike Marsh - 1556				
48	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds	RR	Include annual tracking on gains and losses on wetlands state-wide in the 305(b) report. Every five years (2025, etc) report on trends and patterns for the previous five years.	Include annual tracking on gains and losses on wetlands state-wide in the 305(b) report. Every five years (2025, etc) report on trends and patterns for the previous five years.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345; Beth Connors (441-6139)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615, Tech: Mike Marsh - 1556	Every five years (2025 etc) report on trends and patterns for the previous five years.	Remove wetland tracking item (1st sentence) since this was included in the 2024 Integrated Report and no related activity expected in FY25.	WG JD BC 7/16/24	TLM 8/21/24
49	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Jeanne DiFranco 699-8345; Beth Connors (441-6139)	Manager: Thelma Murphy - 1615, Tech: Mike Marsh - 1556				
			<i>Dredged Material Management</i>	<i>Dredged Material Management</i>	Robert Wood 855-8361	Senior Program Manager: Regina Lyons -1557				
50	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Robert Wood 855-8361, Robert Green 615-2214, Marybeth Richardson 592-1692	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Steve Wolf -1617				
51	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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 utilizing the new 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 utilizing the new ocean dredged material disposal site to serve the NH-southern Maine coastal region.	Robert Wood 855-8361, Robert Green 615-2214, Marybeth Richardson 592-1692	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Steve Wolf -1617				
			<i>No Discharge Zones</i>	<i>No Discharge Zones</i>	Gregg Wood 287-7693	Senior Program Manager: Regina Lyons -1557				
52	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Pam Parker 485-3038	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Ivy MIsna-1311				
53	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Gregg Wood 287-7693 Pam Parker 485-3038	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Ivy MIsna-1311				
			<i>Beaches</i>	<i>Beaches</i>	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Manager: Regina Lyons -1557				

54	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		As resources are available, implement beach monitoring program, including meeting performance criteria established by federal BEACH Act to remain eligible for FY24 Beach grant.	As resources are available, implement beach monitoring program, including meeting performance criteria established by federal BEACH Act to remain eligible for FY25 Beach grant.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Meagan Sims 530-2518	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Alicia Grimaldi - 1806				
55	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		As resources are available, 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, 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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451 Meagan Sims 530-2518	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Alicia Grimaldi - 1806				
			<i>National Estuary Program</i>	<i>National Estuary Program</i>	Wendy Garland 615-2451	Senior Program Manager: Regina Lyons -1557				
56	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Margherita Pryor, -1597				
57	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		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.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Margherita Pryor, -1597				
58	Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for All Communities, Objective 5.2: Protect and Restore Waterbodies and Watersheds		As appropriate and as resources allow, provide technical assistance and information to committees of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership and Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), as requested by the committees, and support implementation of Casco Bay and PREP's CCMPs.	As appropriate and as resources allow, provide technical assistance and information to committees of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership and Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), as requested by the committees, and support implementation of Casco Bay and PREP's CCMPs.	Wendy Garland 615-2451, Angie Brewer 592-2352	Manager: Regina Lyons - 1557, Tech: Ivy Mlsna-1311				

No.	Strategic Linkage	RN (Reopener New), RR (Reopener Revised)	FY 2024 PPA Priorities & Commitments List (To be completed by 9/30/24 unless otherwise noted)	FY 2025 PPA Priorities & Commitments List (To be completed by 9/30/25 unless otherwise noted)	ME DEP Contacts 207.XXX.XXXX	EPA Contacts 617.918.XXXX	FY2025 Item-Specific Reopener (New P&C Item Language)	FY2025 Reopener Negotiation Comments	Approval: Initials, Date	
									MEDEP	EPA
			<i>Environmental Justice</i>	<i>Environmental Justice</i>	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Senior Program Manager: Kristi Rea Simoneau -1595				
1	Goal 2: Take Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights; Objective 2.1: Promote Environmental Justice and Civil Rights at the Federal, Tribal, State, and Local Levels		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 bi-monthly EPA-State regional 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 bi-monthly EPA-State regional calls. Document EJ success stories and activities and share with the community as resources allow.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Kristi Rea Simoneau -1595				
2	Goal 2: Take Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights; Objective 2.1: Promote Environmental Justice and Civil Rights at the Federal, Tribal, State, and Local Levels		MEDEP will work with EPA to identify communities with potential environmental justice concerns and develop strategies to reduce disparities and improve the quality of the environment and public health in priority areas.	MEDEP will work with EPA to identify communities with potential environmental justice concerns and develop strategies to reduce disparities and improve the quality of the environment and public health in priority areas.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Kristi Rea Simoneau -1595				
			<i>Sustainable Materials Management</i>	<i>Sustainable Materials Management</i>	Carla Hopkins 446-4366	Senior Program Manager: Frank Gardner -1278				
3	Goal 7: Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment; Objective: 7.2: Promote Pollution Prevention		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 enter solid waste data as part of the State Data Measurement Sharing Program.	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 enter solid waste data as part of the State Data Measurement Sharing Program.	Carla Hopkins 446-4366 Brian Beneski 592-0248	Senior Program Manager: Frank Gardner -1278				
			<i>RCRA Authorization</i>	<i>RCRA Authorization</i>	Carla Hopkins 446-4366	Senior Program Manager: Stephanie Carr -1363				
4	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Submit authorization application to EPA for Group 6 rules.	MEDEP will review the next set of required federal rules and will propose a schedule for future rule updates and authorization work.	Carla Hopkins 446-4366, Cherrie Plummer 830-1772	Senior Program Manager: Stephanie Carr -1363, Tech: Sharon Leitch -1647				
			<i>RCRA Permit Renewals</i>	<i>RCRA Permit Renewals</i>	Carla Hopkins 446-4366	Senior Program Manager: Stephanie Carr -1363				
5	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination	RR	Renew one (1) TSDF permit on the 22-26 permit renewal baseline.	Renew one (1) TSDF permit on the 22-26 permit renewal baseline.	Carla Hopkins 446-4366, Cherrie Plummer 830-1772	Senior Program Manager: Stephanie Carr -1363, Tech: Sharon Leitch -1647	Append to FY 25 commitment: Consistent with current RCRA regulations, permit renewals should consider the potential for reasonably predicted future climatic conditions and related threats, such as sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, wildfires, drought, etc. (see Implementing Climate Resilience in Hazardous Waste Permitting Memorandum at https://www.epa.gov/hwpermitting/implementing-climate-resilience-hazardous-waste-permitting). In advance of annual RCRA PPA/PPG Planning Meetings, work with EPA Region 1 to determine the current universe of permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facilities in the state located in communities with potential environmental justice (EJ) concerns as identified using the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), EJ Screen or state-developed tools, as well as by considering local knowledge and cumulative impacts on communities. In accordance with the Environmental Justice Implementation Guidance Integrating Environmental Justice Into Authorized State Hazardous Waste Programs, coordinate with EPA Region 1 on the appropriate Community Outreach Options for early, continual, and meaningful engagement at each permitted facility located in a community with EJ concerns.	Draft commitment revisions shared with state permit contacts on April 29 for review and discussed during FY 25 PPA/PPG annual planning meeting.	C.P. 7/25/24	SCA 8/10/24

			UST	UST	Chris Fournier 287-7674	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794;				
			<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>						
6	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Improve UST Operational Compliance: (a) Perform state lead field inspections to determine Technical Compliance Rates.	Improve UST Operational Compliance: (a) Perform state lead field inspections to determine Technical Compliance Rates.	Chris Fournier 287-7860 Butch Bowie 215-4583	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794; Tech: Jennifer Greiner -1632				
7	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Improve UST Operational Compliance: (b) continue to improve operational compliance .	Improve UST Operational Compliance: (b) continue to improve operational compliance .	Chris Fournier 287-7860 Butch Bowie 215-4583	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794; Tech: Jennifer Greiner -1632				
8	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Continue to inspect regulated UST facilities at least once every 3 years.	Continue to inspect regulated UST facilities at least once every 3 years.	Chris Fournier 287-7860 Butch Bowie 215-4583	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794; Tech: Jennifer Greiner -1632				
9	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Work toward reducing the number of Confirmed UST Releases Annually.	Work toward reducing the number of Confirmed UST Releases Annually.	Chris Fournier 287-7860 Butch Bowie 215-4583	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794; Tech: Jennifer Greiner -1632				
10	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Continue toward the requirement that all federally-regulated UST operators are trained.	Continue toward the requirement that all federally-regulated UST operators are trained.	Chris Fournier 287-7860 Butch Bowie 215-4583	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794; Tech: Jennifer Greiner -1632				
11	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		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.	Molly King 287-7166	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794; Tech: Jennifer Greiner -1632				
			<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	Chris Hopper 207-816-0133	Senior Program Manager: Carol Tucker -1221				
12	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		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.	Chris Hopper 207-816-0133	Managers: Bill Lovely -1240, Ted Bazenas -1230				
			<i>RCRA Training & Meetings</i>	<i>RCRA Training & Meetings</i>	Paula Clark 287-7718	Senior Program Manager: Stephanie Carr -1363				
13	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		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.	Carla Hopkins 446-4366, Cherrie Plummer 830-1772	Senior Program Manager: Stephanie Carr - 1363, Tech: Sharon Leitch -1647				
			<i>Corrective Action Sites</i>	<i>Corrective Action Sites</i>	Nick Hodgkins (207) 592-0882	Senior Program Manager: Dan Wainberg -1283				

14	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Achieve Human Exposures Controlled Under Current Conditions at zero (0) facilities.	Achieve Human Exposures Controlled Under Current Conditions at zero (0) facilities.	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
15	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Achieve Contaminated Ground Water Migration Under Control at zero (0) facilities. (CA2)	Achieve Contaminated Ground Water Migration Under Control at zero (0) facilities. (CA2)	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
16	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Achieve site-wide Remedy Selection at zero(0) facilities.	Achieve site-wide Remedy Selection at zero(0) facilities.	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
17	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Achieve Construction Complete at one (1) facilities. (CA5)	Achieve Construction Complete at one (1) facilities. (CA5)	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
18	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Achieve performance standards attained or corrective action process terminated at two (2) facilities (CA6)	Achieve performance standards attained or corrective action process terminated at two (2) facilities (CA6)	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
19	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Achieve Sitewide Ready For Anticipated Use (RAU) at two (2) facilities.	Achieve Sitewide Ready For Anticipated Use (RAU) at two (2) facilities.	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
20	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Provide assistance to EPA with RCRA Corrective Action Long Term Stewardship Inspection initiative. Assistance may include, but not be limited to identifying candidate sites, providing access to site files, working together on field assessments, and collaborating on program improvements.	Provide assistance to EPA with RCRA Corrective Action Long Term Stewardship Inspection initiative. Assistance may include, but not be limited to identifying candidate sites, providing access to site files, working together on field assessments, and collaborating on program improvements.	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
20a	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination	RN			Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354	Consistent with current administrator priorities, the State will incorporate climate vulnerability considerations into the evaluation, remediation, and stewardship of RCRA Corrective Action sites by collaborating with the EPA RCRA Corrective Action program to create an SOP for conducting climate vulnerability screenings* at Corrective Action sites.	This initial draft language will be discussed and negotiated with the state before finalizing and initialing line item.	C.S. 7/25/24	DBW 8/7/24
20b	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination	RN			Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354	The State will work with the EPA to complete a climate vulnerability screening at 1 RCRA Corrective Action site. This screening should consider the potential impacts to site conditions and contamination by reasonably predicted future climatic conditions and threats including but not limited to sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, wildfires, and drought, as well as the ongoing and/or anticipated environmental impacts of these climate conditions. This may include conducting initial screenings of sites using tools such as the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), working with EPA to conduct the climate vulnerability screening, and incorporating climate vulnerability findings into RCRA Corrective Action milestones.	This initial draft language will be discussed and negotiated with the state before finalizing and initialing line item.	C.S. 7/25/24	DBW 8/7/24

21	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Financial Assurance - verify adequacy/assess current status for sites where FA is required - Ensure RCRAinfo FA data is up-to-date and complete (incl. checking the FA audit report)	Financial Assurance - verify adequacy/assess current status for sites where FA is required - Ensure RCRAinfo FA data is up-to-date and complete (incl. checking the FA audit report)	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 Chris Swain 485-3852	Manager: Dan Wainberg - 1283, Tech: Juan Perez - 1354				
			LUST	LUST	Molly King 287-7166	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher 1794;				
			Not PPG eligible - funds are in separate LUST Trust Cooperative Agreement.	Not PPG eligible - funds are in separate LUST Trust Cooperative Agreement.						
22	Goal 6: Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.2: Reduce Waste and Prevent Environmental Contamination		Contribute to the national target for annual cleanups completed of releases from leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) (National goal decreased to 7,125). Specific number of LUST cleanups completed for Maine in FY24 will be negotiated separately. State will continue to collaborate with EPA on opportunities for additional LUST cleanups complete. (ACS Code: 112 / 1.3)	Contribute to the national target for annual cleanups completed of releases from leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) (National goal decreased to 7,125). Specific number of LUST cleanups completed for Maine in FY25 will be negotiated separately. State will continue to collaborate with EPA on opportunities for additional LUST cleanups complete. (ACS Code: 112 / 1.3)	Molly King 287-7166	Senior Program Manager: Claire Willscher -1794, Tech: Jennifer Greiner - 1632				

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				<i>Lead Program</i>	<i>Lead Program</i>	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882	Senior Program Manager: Stephanie Carr - 1363				
1	Goal 7: Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment, Objective: 7.1: Ensure Chemical and Pesticide Safety	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		Maintain ME State Lead Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	Maintain ME State Lead Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 John Buccì 557-1194	Manager: Stephanie Carr - 1363 Tech: Amanda Rudolph, - 1024				
2	Goal 7: Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment, Objective: 7.1: Ensure Chemical and Pesticide Safety	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		In order to protect public health and the environment from potential exposure to lead-based paint from significant increases in lead-based paint abatements, the DEP will use this grant to fund an additional 88.5% of an FTE of field staff in the LAHPP Unit to conduct regulatory oversight of the following activities: Conduct 120 on-site lead abatement compliance inspections. Conduct 20 records review of lead abatement work. Conduct 10 Training Provider classroom audits when course is taking place. Conduct 5 records review of training providers. Total lead enforcement actions (both formal and informal). new funding from lead program	In order to protect public health and the environment from potential exposure to lead-based paint from significant increases in lead-based paint abatements, the DEP will use this grant to fund an additional 88.5% of an FTE of field staff in the LAHPP Unit to conduct regulatory oversight of the following activities: Conduct 120 on-site lead abatement compliance inspections. Conduct 20 records review of lead abatement work. Conduct 10 Training Provider classroom audits when course is taking place. Conduct 5 records review of training providers. Total lead enforcement actions (both formal and informal). new funding from lead program	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 John Buccì 557-1194	Manager: Stephanie Carr - 1363 Tech: Amanda Rudolph, - 1024				
				<i>Asbestos Program</i>	<i>Asbestos Program</i>	Nick Hodgkins (207) 592-0882	Senior Program Manager: Sharon Hayes - 1328				
3	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance			Maintain ME State Asbestos Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	Maintain ME State Asbestos Program. Additional measures specified in state specific workplan.	Nick Hodgkins 592-0882 John Buccì 557-1194	Manager: Sharon Hayes - 1328 Tech: Jonathan Britt - 1563				
				<i>Promote Pollution Prevention</i>	<i>Promote Pollution Prevention</i>	Julie Churchill 881-9236	Senior Program Manager: Jessica Dominguez -1627				
4	Goal 7: Ensure Safety of Chemicals for People and the Environment, Objective: 7.1: Ensure Chemical and Pesticide Safety	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		The state will participate in pollution prevention meetings and work as resources permit.	The state will participate in pollution prevention meetings and work as resources permit.	Julie Churchill 881-9236	Senior Program Manager: Jessica Dominguez -1627				

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1	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		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.	Ron Mongeon 287-7740	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564				
2	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		Submit annual End of Year report on Compliance, assistance and innovation program accomplishments, activities and results.	Submit annual End of Year report on Compliance, assistance and innovation program accomplishments, activities and results.	Ron Mongeon 287-7740	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564				
3	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		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 530-3139 Pete Carleton 242-6103	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Technical Contact: Tom McCusker 1862				
4	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance	RR	CAA: Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. For a list of CAA required data elements, see http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-minimum-data-requirements-mdrs-caa-stationary-sources-compliance	CAA: Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. For a list of CAA required data elements, see http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-minimum-data-requirements-mdrs-caa-stationary-sources-compliance	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Rick Perkins 550-7217	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Technical Contact: Tom McCusker 1862	CAA: Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. For a list of CAA required data elements, see: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-minimum-data-requirements-mdrs-caa-stationary-sources-compliance .	Updated link so it's active per HQ revision	EK, 7/18/24	EAK, 8/6/2024
5	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		RCRA: Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. For a list of RCRA required data elements, see: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-rcrainfo-data-appendix-2003-enforcement-response-policy	RCRA: Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. For a list of RCRA required data elements, see: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-rcrainfo-data-appendix-2003-enforcement-response-policy	Carla Hopkins 446-4366 Cherrie Plummer 830-1772	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371				
6	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		CWA: Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. For a list of CWA required data elements, see: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-addendum-appendix-c-pcs-policy-statement-minimum-icis-mpdes-data-elements	CWA: Enter/send information necessary to satisfy the inspection, testing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement minimum data requirements (MDRs) to EPA's national data systems of record, every 60 days, or as specified in program guidance. For a list of CWA required data elements, see: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/guidance-addendum-appendix-c-pcs-policy-statement-minimum-icis-mpdes-data-elements	Greg Wood 287-7693 Robert Wood 855-8361	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Manager: Todd Borci -1358				
7	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		CAA: As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, submit a draft Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan. By September 30, submit final Compliance Monitoring Plans for CAA for the upcoming federal fiscal year, 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 Compliance Monitoring Strategies. The Compliance Monitoring Plans should be prepared and finalized by the start of the federal fiscal year. https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs	CAA: As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, submit a draft Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan. By September 30, submit final Compliance Monitoring Plans for CAA for the upcoming federal fiscal year, 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 Compliance Monitoring Strategies. The Compliance Monitoring Plans should be prepared and finalized by the start of the federal fiscal year. https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Jeff Crawford 242-3414 Rick Perkins 550-7217	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Technical Contact: Tom McCusker 1862				

8	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		<p>RCRA: As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, submit a draft Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan.</p> <p>By September 30, submit final Compliance Monitoring Plans for RCRA for the upcoming federal fiscal year, 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 RCRA Compliance Monitoring Strategies. The Compliance Monitoring Plans should be prepared and finalized by the start of the federal fiscal year.</p> <p>https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs</p>	<p>RCRA: As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, submit a draft Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan.</p> <p>By September 30, submit final Compliance Monitoring Plans for RCRA for the upcoming federal fiscal year, 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 RCRA Compliance Monitoring Strategies. The Compliance Monitoring Plans should be prepared and finalized by the start of the federal fiscal year.</p> <p>https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs</p>	<p>Carla Hopkins 446-4366 Cherrie Plummer 830-1772</p>	<p>Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371</p>				
9	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		<p>CWA: As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, submit a draft Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan.</p> <p>By September 30, submit final Compliance Monitoring Plans for CWA for the upcoming federal fiscal year, 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 CWA Compliance Monitoring Strategies. The Compliance Monitoring Plans should be prepared and finalized by the start of the federal fiscal year.</p> <p>https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs</p>	<p>CWA: As soon as possible in the year, but no later than July 30, submit a draft Alternative Compliance Monitoring Strategy for the upcoming fiscal year. This is only required if the state is seeking flexibility under an alternative CMS plan.</p> <p>By September 30, submit final Compliance Monitoring Plans for CWA for the upcoming federal fiscal year, 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 CWA Compliance Monitoring Strategies. The Compliance Monitoring Plans should be prepared and finalized by the start of the federal fiscal year.</p> <p>https://www.epa.gov/compliance/compliance-monitoring-programs</p>	<p>Greg Wood 287-7693 Robert Wood 855-8361</p>	<p>Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Manager: Todd Borci -1358</p>				
10	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		<p>Continue to provide a small quantity generator outreach and training program, including an interactive web-based training system. System focused on appropriate handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, including waste reduction and reuse strategies, and waste reduction calculation methodologies</p>	<p>Continue to provide a small quantity generator outreach and training program, including an interactive web-based training system. System focused on appropriate handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, including waste reduction and reuse strategies, and waste reduction calculation methodologies</p>	<p>Carla Hopkins 446-4366 Cherrie Plummer 830-1772</p>	<p>Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371</p>				
11	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		<p>CAA: By November 30, complete the prior federal fiscal year annual end-of-year reporting on CAA inspections agreed to under compliance monitoring strategies (CMS). Include reporting on alternative CMS plans, where applicable.</p>	<p>CAA: By November 30, complete the prior federal fiscal year annual end-of-year reporting on CAA inspections agreed to under compliance monitoring strategies (CMS). Include reporting on alternative CMS plans, where applicable.</p>	<p>Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Rick Perkins 550-7217</p>	<p>Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Technical Contact: Tom McCusker 1862</p>				
12	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		<p>RCRA: By November 30, complete the prior federal fiscal year annual end-of-year reporting on RCRA inspections agreed to under compliance monitoring strategies (CMS). Include reporting on alternative CMS plans, where applicable.</p>	<p>RCRA: By November 30, complete the prior federal fiscal year annual end-of-year reporting on RCRA inspections agreed to under compliance monitoring strategies (CMS). Include reporting on alternative CMS plans, where applicable.</p>	<p>Carla Hopkins 446-4366 Cherrie Plummer 830-1772</p>	<p>Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Manager: Mary Jane O'Donnell 1371</p>				
13	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance		<p>CWA: By November 30, complete the prior federal fiscal year annual end-of-year reporting on CWA inspections agreed to under compliance monitoring strategies (CMS). Include reporting on alternative CMS plans, where applicable.</p>	<p>CWA: By November 30, complete the prior federal fiscal year annual end-of-year reporting on CWA inspections agreed to under compliance monitoring strategies (CMS). Include reporting on alternative CMS plans, where applicable.</p>	<p>Greg Wood 287-7693 Robert Wood 855-8361</p>	<p>Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Manager: Todd Borci -1358</p>				

14	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance	MEDEP will consider and develop alternative compliance monitoring strategies (CMSs), as appropriate, to request flexibility from EPA-required CMS frequency and coverage, to prioritize and focus compliance evaluations of facilities in environmental justice areas as determined or defined by the state.	MEDEP will consider and develop alternative compliance monitoring strategies (CMSs), as appropriate, to request flexibility from EPA-required CMS frequency and coverage, to prioritize and focus compliance evaluations of facilities in environmental justice areas as determined or defined by the state.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564				
15	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance	MEDEP will develop and implement a community engagement effort to initiate [or continue] activities to address environmental compliance concerns in an environmental justice community, as appropriate and as resources allow..	MEDEP will develop and implement a community engagement effort to initiate [or continue] activities to address environmental compliance concerns in an environmental justice community, as appropriate and as resources allow..	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564				
16	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance	CAA: By September 30 of each year, report on progress in addressing any recommendations identified by the State Review Framework (SRF). https://www.epa.gov/compliance/state-review-framework-compliance-and-enforcement-performance	CAA: By September 30 of each year, report on progress in addressing any recommendations identified by the State Review Framework (SRF). https://www.epa.gov/compliance/state-review-framework-compliance-and-enforcement-performance	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Rick Perkins 550-7217	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Technical Contact: Tom McCusker 1862				
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19	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance	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 program 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.	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 program 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.	Eric Kennedy 530-3139 Rick Perkins 550-7217	Senior Program Manager: Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Technical Contact: Tom McCusker 1862				
20	Goal 3: Enforce Environmental Laws and Ensure Compliance, Objective 3.2 Detect Violations and Promote Compliance	After development of EPA's new tampering policy, EPA air program staff will work with ME DEP and EPA enforcement staff to address ongoing diesel tampering problems in Maine through on-site compliance inspections and appropriate enforcement actions as resources allow. EPA staff will explore working with DEP on these tampering enforcement cases where applicable	After development of EPA's new tampering policy, EPA air program staff will work with ME DEP and EPA enforcement staff to address ongoing diesel tampering problems in Maine through on-site compliance inspections and appropriate enforcement actions as resources allow. EPA staff will explore working with DEP on these tampering enforcement cases where applicable	Eric Kennedy 530-3139, Lynne Cayting 287-7599	Manager Eric Wortman 1624 Tech: Ariel Garcia -1660 New Contacts: Senior Program Manager - Beth Kudarauskas - 1564 Technical Contact: Darren Fortescue - 1162				

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			<i>Re-Opener Clause</i>	<i>Re-Opener Clause</i>	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Senior Program Manager: Sandy Brownell - 1797				
1	Strategy 4: Strengthen Tribal, State, and Local Partnerships and Enhance Engagement (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		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.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Sandy Brownell - 1797; Staff: Zoe Goldenberg-Hart -1103				
			<i>Performance Partnership</i>	<i>Performance Partnership</i>	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Senior Program Manager: Sandy Brownell - 1797				
2	Strategy 4: Strengthen Tribal, State, and Local Partnerships and Enhance Engagement (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		Continue to improve the process jointly evaluating and reporting progress and accomplishments under the workplan. The process must be based on a negotiated schedule and the reporting schedule must be identified in the work plan. (40CFR35.115).	Continue to improve the process jointly evaluating and reporting progress and accomplishments under the workplan. The process must be based on a negotiated schedule and the reporting schedule must be identified in the work plan. (40CFR35.115).	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Sandy Brownell - 1797; Staff: Zoe Goldenberg-Hart -1103				
3	Strategy 4: Strengthen Tribal, State, and Local Partnerships and Enhance Engagement (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		An annual written progress report must be submitted within 90 days after the end of the annual grant period. The evaluation must provide for a discussion of accomplishments as measured against the work plan commitments; a discussion of the cumulative effectiveness of the work performed under all work plan components; a discussion of existing and potential problem areas; and suggestions for improvement, including, where feasible, schedules for making improvements. (40CFR35.115, 40CFR31.40).	An annual written progress report must be submitted within 90 days after the end of the annual grant period. The evaluation must provide for a discussion of accomplishments as measured against the work plan commitments; a discussion of the cumulative effectiveness of the work performed under all work plan components; a discussion of existing and potential problem areas; and suggestions for improvement, including, where feasible, schedules for making improvements. (40CFR35.115, 40CFR31.40).	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Sandy Brownell - 1797; Staff: Zoe Goldenberg-Hart -1103				
4	Strategy 4: Strengthen Tribal, State, and Local Partnerships and Enhance Engagement (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		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.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Sandy Brownell - 1797; Staff: Zoe Goldenberg-Hart -1103				
5	Goal 2: Taking Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights		MEDEP will work with the EPA on priority projects and activities in Portland, Lewiston and the mobile home/manufactured housing sector as initial communities and priority sectors with potential environmental justice concerns. EPA and federal EJ mapping tools will also be utilized to identify communities with potential environmental justice concerns in rural northern and eastern parts of Maine and determine the prioritization of urban versus rural EJ work for FY24-25. Once these communities are identified, EPA and MEDEP will develop strategies to reduce disparities and improve the quality of the environment and public health in priority areas as appropriate and as resources allow. Strategies will be developed to create a better overall understanding of the issues facing rural priority communities and how increased outreach and capacity building can be implemented.	MEDEP will work with the EPA on priority projects and activities in Portland, Lewiston and the mobile home/manufactured housing sector as initial communities and priority sectors with potential environmental justice concerns. EPA and federal EJ mapping tools will also be utilized to identify communities with potential environmental justice concerns in rural northern and eastern parts of Maine and determine the prioritization of urban versus rural EJ work for FY24-25. Once these communities are identified, EPA and MEDEP will develop strategies to reduce disparities and improve the quality of the environment and public health in priority areas as appropriate and as resources allow. Strategies will be developed to create a better overall understanding of the issues facing rural priority communities and how increased outreach and capacity building can be implemented.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Kristi Rea Simoneau 8-1595; Staff: Duncan Drapeau 8-1365				
6	Goal 2: Taking Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights		MEDEP will work with EPA on hosting one or more in person, virtual and/or hybrid community engagement meetings to solicit community input on environment and/or public health priorities in priority geographic locations including Portland, Lewiston and/or the mobile home/manufactured housing sector, and rural community priority locations as appropriate and as resources allow. For these meetings, partnerships should be established with local governments and community-based-organizations to tailor the meeting topics to community specific issues.	MEDEP will work with EPA on hosting one or more in person, virtual and/or hybrid community engagement meetings to solicit community input on environment and/or public health priorities in priority geographic locations including Portland, Lewiston and/or the mobile home/manufactured housing sector, and rural community priority locations as appropriate and as resources allow. For these meetings, partnerships should be established with local governments and community-based-organizations to tailor the meeting topics to community specific issues.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Kristi Rea Simoneau 8-1595; Staff: Duncan Drapeau 8-1365				
7	Goal 2: Taking Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights		MEDEP will work with EPA on an internal education initiative to develop and deliver an EJ 101 training for all MEDEP staff. Training will involve an overview of EJ principals and how they specifically relate to Maine communities. Additional training will also be developed for key MEDEP programs to increase understanding of how to fully utilize and incorporate EPA and federal EJ mapping tools into their work.	MEDEP will work with EPA on an internal education initiative to develop and deliver an EJ 101 training for all MEDEP staff. Training will involve an overview of EJ principals and how they specifically relate to Maine communities. Additional training will also be developed for key MEDEP programs to increase understanding of how to fully utilize and incorporate EPA and federal EJ mapping tools into their work.	Mark Margerum 287-7842	Manager: Kristi Rea Simoneau 8-1595; Staff: Duncan Drapeau 8-1365				
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8	Strategy 1: Ensure Scientific Integrity and Science-Based Decision Making (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		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.	Julie Churchill 881-9236 Kevin Martin 287-4305	Manager: Bryan Hogan - 8634 Tech: Lilly Simmons - 8666				
9	Strategy 1: Ensure Scientific Integrity and Science-Based Decision Making (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		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.	Julie Churchill 881-9236 Kevin Martin 287-4305	Manager: Bryan Hogan - 8634 Tech: Lilly Simmons - 8666				
10	Strategy 1: Ensure Scientific Integrity and Science-Based Decision Making (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		Update the State 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 and QMP v. 8 (June 2021).	Update the State 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 and QMP v. 8 (June 2021).	Julie Churchill 881-9236 Andy Johnson 287-7047	Manager: Bryan Hogan - 8634 Tech: Lilly Simmons - 8666				
11	Strategy 1: Ensure Scientific Integrity and Science-Based Decision Making (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		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.	Julie Churchill 881-9236	Manager: Bryan Hogan - 8634 Tech: Lilly Simmons - 8666				
12	Strategy 1: Ensure Scientific Integrity and Science-Based Decision Making (ALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES)		The US EPA and the New England states have established a biannual 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.	The US EPA and the New England states have established a biannual 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.	Julie Churchill 881-9236 Kevin Martin 287-4305	Manager: Bryan Hogan - 8634 Tech: Lilly Simmons - 8666				
			<i>CLIMATE ADAPTATION</i>	<i>CLIMATE ADAPTATION</i>	Nathan Robbins 592-6590	Senior Program Manager: John Rogan 1645				
13	Goal 1: Tackle the Climate Crisis; Objective: 1.1 Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change	Goal 1: Tackle the Climate Crisis; Objective: 1.2 Accelerate Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts	Participate in EPA and New England State calls on climate adaptation and mitigation to share priority actions and implementation strategies.	Participate in EPA and New England State calls on climate adaptation and mitigation to share priority actions and implementation strategies.	Nathan Robbins 592-6590	Manager: John Rogan - 1645, Tech: Julie Sammut -1426				
14	Goal 1: Tackle the Climate Crisis; Objective: 1.1 Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change	Goal 1: Tackle the Climate Crisis; Objective: 1.2 Accelerate Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts	Collaborate with EPA on voluntary energy reduction strategies, as resources allow. Coordinate with EPA on implementation of RCAP Priority Actions, as appropriate.	Collaborate with EPA on voluntary energy reduction strategies, as resources allow. Coordinate with EPA on implementation of RCAP Priority Actions, as appropriate.	Nathan Robbins 592-6590	Manager: John Rogan - 1645, Tech: Julie Sammut -1426				
