

Text from email from Ellen Weitzler dated 9/9/2009

Hetty,

As we discussed on the phone yesterday, EPA responded to Legislative Chapter 292 Section 18 because it was described in the "memo describing changes to statutes and indicating hearing dates" which was included to Maine's April 8, 2008 water quality standards revision submittal package. We erroneously assumed that the reference to Section 17 was a typo because Section 17 wasn't described in the memo, while section 18, which wasn't referenced, was described. Section 17 amends 38 M.R.S.A Section 361-A to update the definition of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include amendments effective on or before July 1, 2007.

EPA finds that this revision is not a new or revised water quality standard and therefore is not subject to EPA review and approval under Section 303(C) of the Clean Water Act. EPA does not anticipate any further action (such as submittals or approval letters) from Maine DEP or EPA in regard to the 2006-2007 Section 17 revision.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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