

January 3, 2005

The Honorable Scott Cowger, Chair
The Honorable Theodore Koffman, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
State House Room 437
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Stormwater Rule and Statute Revisions

Dear Senator Cowger and Representative Koffman,

As required by Public Law 2003, Chapter 607, I am pleased to submit to you provisionally adopted changes to Maine's Stormwater Management Rules, Chapters 500 and 502, along with proposed changes to the Stormwater Law (as submitted to the Reviser's Office) that are necessary to resolve inconsistencies between the rules and statute. Additional copies of the rule, along with the appropriate forms for major substantive rule submittals will be filed with you shortly.

The rules were unanimously approved by the Board of Environmental Protection on November 4, 2004 and were the culmination of an extensive stakeholder process. We look forward to presenting both the rules and proposed statutory changes to the Natural Resources Committee in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dawn R. Gallagher
Commissioner