

Maine Department of Environmental Protection
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BASIS STATEMENT
Chapter 595, "State Revolving Fund"

This rule amends the existing Chapter 595 originally adopted in 1990. The statutory authority for this rule is contained in Title 30-A, Section 5959. This chapter is the State's companion rule to the federal "State Water Pollution Control Revolving Funds" rule (40 CFR, Part 35, Subpart K). This rulemaking is undertaken jointly between the DEP and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

On February 1, 2007, this rule was posted to rulemaking with the Board of Environmental Protection. On February 14, 2007, public notice of the opportunity to comment on the draft rule was published. Prior to February 14, the proposed rule changes were given to the Maine Rural Water Association, an interested party. Also, on December 15, 2006, Department representatives met with the Executive Committee of the Maine Wastewater Control Association to explain the proposed changes. In addition, public notice was posted on the DEP and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank websites prior to the publication, and published in the Operations & Maintenance Newsletter, a Department monthly newsletter which is mailed to all wastewater treatment facilities and interested parties. The comment period on the draft rule remained open until March 16, 2007. No public comments on the draft rule were received.