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# Annual Report 2008

## Maine DEP Office of Innovation



We helped over **6,725** entities in 2007 including municipalities, businesses, manufacturers, and service industries last year with energy & environmental issues through multi-media on-site visits and technical assistance.

### We are:

Department of Environmental Protection Office of Innovation staffers:

- Trained to assist businesses
- Trained in multi-media regulations
- Trained in EMS development
- Trained in Process Mapping including Lean Manufacturing

### We provide:

- Free on-site environmental compliance assessments.
- Free assistance on becoming an Environmental Leader.
- Free phase one energy audits through the Governor's Carbon Challenge.
- Free technical and pollution prevention assistance.
- Referrals to other assistance providers and resources.
- Coordination of on-site assistance and other assistance programs.
- Referrals for business to business mentoring assistance.
- Research on best of class pollution prevention technologies.
- Risk-free compliance assistance under the Small Business Compliance Assistance Policy (SBCIP).

Staff worked one on one with individuals and facilities to achieve better business and environmental results:

- Energy Efficiencies & Carbon Reductions
- Smart Production & Sustainability
- Regulatory Requirements including:
  - Water & Air Quality Rules
  - Hazardous Waste Rules

Call 1-800-789-9802 to receive:

- Free information
- Compliance assistance
- Regulatory guidance
- P2 assistance

Become an Environmental Leader. Visit the DEP's Office of Innovation's web site and learn about:

- How to become an Environmental Leader.
- Stories about what our Environmental Leaders are doing.
- Additional resources.

[www.maine.gov/dep/innovation](http://www.maine.gov/dep/innovation)

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Free Technical Assistance





# Office of Innovation Program Updates 2008

## Maine Environmental Leader Programs offer:

- Smart Growth through Smart Production
- Governor's Carbon Challenge
- Environmental Results Program (ERP)
- Environmental Management Systems (EMS) facilitation
- Green Lodging Certification
- Green Restaurant Certification
- Clean (Green) State Initiative

Maine DEP used a variety of approaches and methods to provide **6,725** total assists in 2007. The following chart provides a breakdown of the major assistance categories. This does not include web site visits for the office which total over **117, 670** potential recipients of program and regulatory information.

1. Governor's Carbon Challenge Program
  - Signed up 80 participants including over 130 facilities
  - Eliminated over 96,000 metric tonnes of carbon
2. Assisted facilities through multi-media outreach including audits and EMS facilitation
3. Policy analysis of opportunities to innovate
4. Strengthening innovation partnering
5. Working one-on-one utilizing pollution prevention concepts with:
  - Individuals
  - Facilities
  - Environmental groups



## Innovation Technical Assistance 2007

