

Office of Innovation Maine Department of Environmental Protection



Leading Maine toward sustainability.

The Office of Innovation's work emphasizes the development of innovative approaches, going beyond traditional regulatory approaches, to lead facilities toward sustainability—both environmentally and economically. These include:

- ◆ Implementing legislatively mandated programs including the Governor's Carbon Challenge, and Toxics and Hazardous Waste Reduction;
- ◆ Developing Environmental Leader programs including STEP-UP, Green Business Certifications, Environmental Management Systems Implementation, to educate and encourage energy efficiency, and environmentally preferable purchasing;
- ◆ Piloting innovative compliance outreach including the Environmental Results Program (auto body and stormwater initiatives);
- ◆ Facilitating the implementation of Environmental Management Systems through site visits, and other assistance to ensure a good facility fit;
- ◆ Developing multi-media compliance models including outreach material, checklists for site visits, and pollution prevention guidance and materials;
- ◆ Encouraging technical assistance and mentoring with Environmental Leaders;
- ◆ Providing multi-media process mapping (energy and environmental;)
- ◆ Coordinating with our department's media bureaus to incorporate developing regulatory policies, rules, and legislation;
- ◆ Utilizing the Small Business Compliance Incentive Policy to ensure hassle-free compliance and pollution prevention assistance to forthcoming businesses;
- ◆ Broadening services to include multi-media assistance from the Small Business Technical Assistance Program originally appointed through the Clean Air Act;
- ◆ Obtaining real time information for providing timely multi-media compliance information across the agency;
- ◆ Assisting Toxics and Hazardous Waste Reduction Program participants with reporting, billing, and pollution plan implementation and relying on accurate hazardous waste manifest data;
- ◆ Coordinating assistance efforts with outside state agencies for clarity and added value to our public services such as:
 - Governor's Office for Environmental Leader recognition;
 - Maine Public Utilities Commission's Efficiency Maine services;
 - Maine Emergency Management Agency for reporters to the Toxics and Hazardous Waste Reduction Program; and,
 - Department of Labor, *SafetyWorks* Program for health and safety technical information.

For more information concerning program services and activities of the Office of Innovation, please contact us. See the contact information listed below.



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