

Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRSA §8057-A)

AGENCY: Maine CDC Drinking Water Program, Dept. of Health and Human Services

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: Maine Rules Relating to Bottled Water, Bulk Water and Water Vending Machines, 10-144 C.M.R. Ch. 235.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S. §§ 2605, 2611, 2620-C

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 10:00 January 7, 2016, Room 12, 1st Floor, Key Bank Plaza, 286 Water Street, Augusta, Maine.

COMMENT DEADLINE: January 18, 2016

PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR AMENDING THIS RULE: This rule revision simplifies the process of licensing and compliance for bottled water producers by eliminating duplicate requirement and inspections. These changes also implement the Memo of Understanding between DHHS and DACF that clarifies the duties of each with regard to bottled water, which is regulated both as a food product and as drinking water.

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: The rule ensures that bottled water sources are safe and well-managed, and will provide a healthful source of drinking water for bottling.

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: With bottled water facility inspections being reduced from annually to once every three years, D.H.H.S. Maine CDC Drinking Water Program Field Inspectors will spend less time performing this inspection work, for a savings of \$6,000 per year (\$750 per inspector). This savings will be realized in a Special Revenue account for the Drinking Water Program.

FOR RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

These Rules do not have a fiscal impact of \$1 million or more.

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:

INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED:

BENEFITS OF THE RULE:

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.