

**CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION AND THE WATER RESOURCES
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Potential Impacts of International Trade Agreements on Maine's Groundwater Resources

Date: October 15, 2009

Time: 6:30PM

Place: State House, Augusta, Maine, room 228 (Appropriation Committee room)

Purpose: The purpose of the public hearing is to elicit information and comments from the public on whether or not Maine's groundwater ownership law and its police powers to regulate groundwater could be compromised by international trade agreements, and if so, what should be done to mitigate any negative impacts.

Format:

1. Opening remarks by the chairs of the Commission
2. Presentation (15 minutes): Maine State groundwater law
3. Presentation (15 minutes): How the scope of current international trade agreements does/may impact state environmental regulation
4. Open public comment
 - **Speakers are limited to 3 minutes. Please do not repeat testimony already given by another speaker.**
 - A person that wishes to give oral testimony should also provide 20 written copies of that testimony and, if possible, provide specific examples for any recommendations presented by the speaker.

NOTE: Testimony about groundwater regulatory issues or the status of Maine's groundwater resource is not the purpose of this public hearing and oral testimony on these topics will not be permitted. However, written testimony (15 copies) regarding these issues may be left with the commission to be given to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources for review.