Rulemaking Fact Sheet

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CHAPTER NUMBER and TITLE: Chapter 415, *Reasonable Costs for the Handling and Recycling of Electronic Wastes*

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 38 M.R.S.A. §1610.10

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DEP Response Building
4 Blossom Lane
Augusta, ME 04330

COMMENT DEADLINE: November 2, 2012

PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: The principle purpose is to make the regulation consistent with changes made to 38 M.R.S.A. §1610 as amended by Maine's Legislature in 2011. This proposal also clarifies the categorization of covered electronic devices to gain operational efficiencies, provides television and game console manufacturers with the opportunity to claim recycling credits for covered electronic devices they collect and recycle from covered entities in Maine, and improves data reporting by electronics consolidators/recyclers approved by Maine DEP to participate in the extended producer responsibility program for electronic waste.

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE:

The effects of the rule are: to integrate the extension of the extended producer responsibility program for covered electronic devices to small businesses, small non-profits, and primary and secondary schools reducing costs for these entities; to provide electronics manufactures with an option to receive program credits for voluntary recycling programs; to streamline handling processes to reduce recycling costs; and to improve reporting of electronics recycling data.

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: None

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING RULE DEVELOPMENT:

Statutory changes enacted by the Legislature, operational challenges to implementing current rule, and ability to provide manufacturers with program credit for implementation of voluntary program.

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

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:

INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED:

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: