

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Public Hearing and Meeting Notice

What: Public Hearing and Meeting of the Board of Environmental Protection

When: October 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

Meeting method: In-person (live stream available for viewing purposes only)

How to participate: Members of the public may attend, and, when there is an opportunity for public input on a matter before the Board, participate in the October 16, 2025, Board meeting or hearing in-person at the location identified above. Persons who have a disability and who seek reasonable accommodation to attend the meeting should contact Board Clerk Ruth Ann Burke clerk.bep@maine.gov or 207-287-2811 prior to the meeting.

Persons may observe but not participate in the meeting and hearing via a live stream of the Board's meeting. Link to watch via Zoom: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/84609389474>

To listen by phone:

1-646-876-9923

Webinar ID: 846 0938 9474

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Chapter 428, Stewardship Program for Packaging

Staff: Brian Beneski, Jessica Nadeau and Kayla Michaud, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management

[Staff Memo from September 18, 2025](#)

[Chapter 428 Proposed Rule Draft with Appendix A](#)

Note: Persons who wish to testify on the proposed rule may attend the hearing and sign up to testify either for, against, or neither for nor against the proposed rule. The Board Chair may limit the time each person has to provide oral testimony based on the number of people who sign up to testify. Any person who wishes to submit written materials in support of their testimony should bring 10 copies of each handout to the hearing. In addition, written statements and arguments concerning the proposed rule may be filed with the Board until October 27, 2025.

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2. Triennial Review of Maine's Water Quality Standards

Staff: Meagan Sims, Bureau of Water Quality

[Staff Memo from August 21, 2025](#)

[2025 Triennial Review of Maine's Water Quality Standards](#)

Note: Persons who wish to testify on the proposed Triennial Review may attend the hearing to offer oral testimony. The Board Chair may limit the time each person has to provide oral testimony based on the number of people who sign up to testify. Any person who wishes to submit written materials in support of their testimony should bring 10 copies of each handout to the hearing. In addition, written statements and arguments on the proposed Triennial Review may be filed with the Board until October 22, 2025.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, COMMENTS, AND NOTES

1. Commissioner's Comments
2. Chair's Comments
3. Executive Analyst's Comments
4. [Calendar](#)
5. [Department Orders](#) / [Applications Accepted](#) for Processing

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. [Draft Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2025](#) (*Consideration for approval*)
2. [Draft Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2025](#) (*Consideration for approval*)

IV. CURRENT ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

1. **Chapter 426, Responsibilities Under the Returnable Beverage Container Law**
(Post for Public Comment and Public Hearing)

Staff: Brian Beneski and Elena Bertocci, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management

[Staff Memo](#)

[Chapter 426 Proposed Rule mark-up](#)

[Chapter 426 Proposed Rule clean](#)

[Chapter 426 Summary of Changes](#)

Note: The Department seeks to initiate rulemaking regarding Chapter 426. If the Board votes to post the proposed rule for public comment or a hearing, notice of that opportunity will be made in accordance with applicable laws and rules and on the Department's rulemaking webpage <https://www.maine.gov/dep/rules/index.html>. The Board will not receive public comment on this agenda item at the October 16, 2025, Board meeting.

V. ADJOURN
