



# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## Monthly Enforcement Report

### for actions during January 2024

ISSUED: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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*This report has been prepared to satisfy a statutory obligation under 38 M.R.S. § 349(7) that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection inform the public of certain enforcement resolutions. Please contact Ronald Mongeon at (207) 530-3138 or [ronald.mongeon@maine.gov](mailto:ronald.mongeon@maine.gov) for additional information regarding the activities listed in this report.*

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The following cases were resolved to achieve compliance with the law, remediate environmental damage, restore natural resources to appropriate conditions, and/or impose penalties to deter similar actions in the future.

#### **Consent Agreements Approved by the Board of Environmental Protection and Office of the Attorney General (party followed by location):**

**Maine Drilling and Blasting, Inc., Westbrook, Cumberland County, Maine.** Maine Drilling and Blasting, Inc. (Maine Drilling and Blasting) operates a rock drilling, blasting and foundation business with its principal location in Gardiner, Maine. Maine Drilling and Blasting was hired by S.B. Enterprises, Inc. to perform blasting at a quarry located on Hardy Road in Westbrook, Maine. On June 2, 2020, S.B Enterprises, Inc. contacted the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) to report that Maine Drilling and Blasting had conducted a blast event on that day which resulted in flyrock leaving the quarry property and landing on two residential properties that abut the quarry. By failing to use sufficient stemming, matting or natural protective cover to prevent flyrock from leaving the property, Maine Drilling and Blasting violated the *Performance Standards for Quarries* law, 38 M.R.S. § 490-Z(14)(A). Following the incident, pursuant to the Department's request, Maine Drilling and Blasting implemented a modified extraction plan and as of the date of the agreement, has reported that no further flyrock incidents have occurred. To resolve this violation, Maine Drilling and Blasting agreed to pay to the *Treasurer, State of Maine*, a civil monetary penalty in the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00).