



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**Monthly Enforcement Report**  
**for actions during February and March 2025**  
**ISSUED: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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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):**

**Southern Maine Specialties, Inc., Gorham, Cumberland County, Maine.** Southern Maine Specialties, Inc. (SMS) operates a metal finishing, electroplating, plating, polishing, anodizing and coloring facility with its principal location in Gorham, Maine. SMS is a generator of hazardous waste and universal waste, including but not limited to, hazardous waste debris/sludge, waste cyanide solution, waste corrosive solution, waste oxidizing solution, and waste lamps. As a result, SMS is subject to Maine's *Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 1301 through 1319-Y and *Hazardous Waste Management Rules*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 850-858. During a compliance inspection on September 13, 2023 Department staff observed the following: containers of hazardous waste that had full dates more than 90 days prior to inspection; a lack of appropriate signage; numerous containers not appropriately labeled; a lack of detailed inspection logs; a lack of a tally of the number of universal wastes stored on-site; areas in which containers were inaccessible for inspectors; unboxed universal waste lamps; broken glass from universal waste lamps on the floor; the Contingency Plan presented to inspectors was out of date and needed multiple updates; the inspection log covered all areas and did not include the time of inspection; the floor of the facility was cracked and peeling in many spots compromising its ability to function properly; the facility failed to send mutual aid agreement letters annually and in writing to the necessary organizations accompanying the contingency plans; high level alarms did not appear to be tested; tanks, trenches and sewer lines were not properly inspected or tested; maintenance on tanks was not timely performed; and many containers of universal wastes had no accumulation or full dates present or visible. The above listed activities represented violations of Maine's *Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 1301 through 1319-Y and *Hazardous Waste Management Rules*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 850-858. To resolve these violations, SMS agreed to pay to the *Treasurer, State of Maine, c/o Hazardous Waste Fund*, a civil monetary penalty of forty-nine thousand nine hundred twenty dollars (\$49,920.00). In addition, SMS completed the following corrective actions: Shipped off hazardous waste from the HWSA; Posted a 'No Smoking' sign at the HWSA; Marked aisles for proper alignment in HWSA; Shipped Universal Waste from the UWSA; Shipped Universal Waste lamps from the UWSA; Created inspection log for UWSA;



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Cleaned and properly disposed of broken glass; Properly adhered to the SAA requirements; Updated the contingency plan; Updated and corrected Hazardous Waste inspection logs; Installed containment skids, assuring the Department of concrete's condition; Sent proof of mutual aid agreements in writing; Inspected high-level alarms and implemented inspection process; Inspected tanks/trenches and implemented inspection process; Hired a company to inspect sewer lines; Removed buckets, tested contents, water non-hazardous; and Shipped off all PCB ballasts.

**Casco Bay Steel Structures, Inc., South Portland, Cumberland County, Maine.** Casco Bay Steel Structures, Inc. (Casco Bay) operates two steel bridge fabrication facilities in Maine, with its principal location in South Portland, Maine. Casco Bay is a generator and treater of hazardous waste, including but not limited to, ignitable paints, non-halogenated solvents, still bottom sludges from the solvent distillation unit, and universal wastes. As a result, Casco Bay is subject to Maine's *Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 1301 through 1319-Y and *Hazardous Waste Management Rules*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 850-858. During a compliance inspection on January 27, 2023 Department staff observed the following: a failure to determine if wastes generated were hazardous; the treating and disposing of hazardous waste on-site without a license; a failure to store hazardous waste in properly labeled and packaged containers; a failure to utilize hazardous waste manifests to ship hazardous waste off site; a failure to utilize licensed hazardous waste transporters; a failure to send hazardous waste to an authorized hazardous waste disposal facility; failure to have appropriate signage; a failure to maintain appropriate training programs for employees handling hazardous waste; a failure to conduct and properly record weekly inspections; and a failure to request mutual aid arrangements for emergency services. The above listed activities represented violations of Maine's *Hazardous Waste, Septage and Solid Waste Management Act*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 1301 through 1319-Y and *Hazardous Waste Management Rules*, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 850-858. To resolve these violations, Casco Bay agreed to pay to the *Treasurer, State of Maine, c/o Hazardous Waste Fund*, a civil monetary penalty in the amount of forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00). In addition, Casco Bay completed the following corrective actions: discontinued the treating of hazardous waste still bottoms through evaporation; installed appropriate signage; installed a two-way radio in close proximity of the Hazardous Waste Storage Area; provided examples of completed inspections; provided logs of employee training; and provided email delivery receipts for requests of mutual aid agreements.