



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Monthly Enforcement Report
for actions during June 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):

Marshfield Solar, LLC, SolAmerica Energy Services, LLC, Marshfield, Washington County, Maine. Marshfield Solar, LLC (“Marshfield”) hired SolAmerica Energy Services, LLC (“SolAmerica”) as the engineering, procurement, and construction contractor for the site. Marshfield filed, and the Department of Environmental Protection (the “Department”) accepted, a Stormwater Permit by Rule notification form (SW PBR #74001) for the construction of a 19.32-acre, 1.95-megawatt solar facility (the “Facility”) in Marshfield, Maine. Marshfield received a *Site Location of Development Law*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A-480-JJ (Site Law), permit (#L-29553-TH-B-N) to construct the Facility. On January 19, 2023 and April 12, 2023, Department staff inspected the Facility. During the inspections, Department staff observed:

1. The entirety of the 19.32 acre site had been left unstable and there was visible erosion of soils throughout the site;
2. Erosion controls were inadequately installed and not maintained in accordance with approved plans referenced in the SW PBR;
3. Stormwater structures were inadequately installed and not maintained in accordance with approved plans referenced in the SW PBR;
4. Sediment was transported offsite and into protected natural resources;
5. The constructed stream crossing associated with the SW PBR did not follow Department standards;
6. An additional 26,209 square feet of wetlands had been altered in excess of what was permitted in L-29553-TH-B-N;
7. An unpermitted utility crossing had been installed over a protected natural resource. By conducting an activity that involves filling, displacing, or exposing soil without preventing unreasonable erosion beyond the project site or into a protected natural resource, Marshfield and SolAmerica violated the *Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law*, 38 M.R.S. § 420-C. By failing to take all necessary actions to ensure its activities do not result in noticeable erosion of soils off the site during the construction, Marshfield and SolAmerica violated Standard Condition A, and Special Condition 2 of Department Order #L-29553-TH-B-N, and 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-C(1) and 480-R(1). By discharging a pollutant, namely soil, to Waters of the State without first obtaining a license from the Department, Marshfield and SolAmerica violated the Protection and Improvement of Waters Act, 38 M.R.S. § 413. By removing vegetation from a freshwater wetland without first obtaining a permit from the Department, Marshfield and SolAmerica violated the *Natural Resources Protection Act* (NRPA),



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38 M.R.S. § 480-C(1) and 480-R(1). By displacing soil closer than 25 feet to a stream, displacing soil within the stream, and creating a utility crossing without first obtaining a permit from the Department, Marshfield and SolAmerica violated the *NRPA*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-C(1) and 480-R(1). By failing to comply with the terms and conditions of SW PBR#74007, Marshfield and SolAmerica violated *Permit by Rule Standards*, Chapter 500, § 6(D), and 38 M.R.S. § 420-D (8). Since the time of the violations, Marshfield received a *Site Location of Development Law*, 38 M.R.S. § 480-A-480-JJ (Site Law), after the fact permit (#L-29553-TH-D-A). Marshfield paid into the In-Lieu Fee program of the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program for the cumulative wetland alterations (42,549 square feet) in the amount of \$171,587.58. Since the time of the violations, Marshfield filed, and the Department accepted, an after the fact *NRPA* Permit by Rule (NRPA PBR #78360) for the utility crossing. As of August 2024, SolAmerica had installed and maintained erosion controls and stabilized the site to the satisfaction of the Department. On September 17, 2024, the Department received a Notice of Termination following permanent site stabilization. Since the time of the violations, SolAmerica has spent approximately \$181,106 (in addition to the in-lie fee of \$84,759) to remediate the impacts of its non-compliance. To resolve these violations, Marshfield and SolAmerica agreed to pay to the *Treasurer, State of Maine*, a civil monetary penalty in the amount of one hundred eighty thousand one hundred fifty nine dollars (\$180,159.00).