



# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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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):**

**157 Pleasant LLC, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine.** 157 Pleasant LLC owns the property located at 149 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine (the "Site"). The Site is located approximately 1800 feet from the Androscoggin River and site above Mapped Aquifer 7252. On May 8, 2025, the Department of Environmental Protection's (the "Department") Division of Response Services (Response) was alerted to a oil discharge at the Site. The complaint alleged that at or around 12:30 pm, a forklift truck carried a 275-gallon above ground oil storage tank (AST) onto the Site, flipped the AST, and allowed oil to drain onto the ground. At 2:45pm, 157 Pleasant LLC manager Stephen Goodrich (Goodrich) reported the spill to Response. Between 2:45pm and 3:37pm, and after reviewing video footage, Goodrich agreed that the spill had been intentional. Goodrich confirmed an excavator was hired to remove the contaminated soil and Gaftek, Inc. (Gaftek) was hired to dispatch a crew and vacuum truck to address the free product. At 4:46pm, Response staff arrived on Site and observed a limited number of sorbent pads had been applied to the free product. Responsible personnel was no longer present on the Site. Response staff determined the oil spill extended to an approximate 500sq.ft. area. Response staff observed three cut-up ASTs in a dumpster and evidence of a smaller discharge on the Site. At 6:30pm, Gaftek properly removed the free product. At 8:30am of May 9, 2025, an excavator properly stockpiled contaminated soil from the May 8 spill and smaller discharge area. Response collected soil samples for laboratory analysis. On July 2, 2025, Department staff spoke with the complainant who confirmed he had applied the sorbent pads himself but that responsible personnel made no effort to contain or clean up the oil spill before abandoning the Site. On July 7, 2025, Response staff confirmed the stockpiled material and dumpster had been removed from the Site and the contaminated soil was properly disposed of at a Waste Management facility in Norridgewick, Maine. Based on Gaftek and Waste Management tickets, two 55-gallon mail containers of oily solids, 39-gallons of contaminated groundwater, and 34.52 tons of contaminated soil were disposed. By causing a prohibited discharge of oil, 157 Pleasant LLC violated the *Erosion and Sedimentation Control Law*, 38 M.R.S. § 543. By failing to immediately undertake to remove prohibited discharge at the Site to the commissioner's satisfaction, 157 Pleasant LLC violated 38 M.R.S. § 543. To resolve these violations, 157 Pleasant LLC agreed to pay to the *Treasurer, State*



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of Maine, c/o the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund in the amount of ten thousand six hundred one dollar and fifty cents (\$10,601.50), inclusive of a civil monetary penalty in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and costs incurred by the Department in the amount of five thousand six hundred one dollar and fifty cents (\$5,601.50) pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 551(5) plus interest.

**Tower Solar Partners, LLC, Embden, Somerset County, Maine.** Tower Solar, LLC (“Tower”) owns and operates a solar energy project in Embden, Maine. Tower received a *Site Location of Development Law*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A-480-JJ (Site Law), permit (#L-28928-PS-A-N/L-29828-TB-B-N) for the construction of a 30.3-acre, 5.0-megawatt solar facility (the “Facility”) in Embden, Maine. Tower submitted and the Department accepted a Notice of Intent (NOI #71481) to comply with the standards and requirements of the Maine Construction General Permit (W008157-5Y-A-N). On October 14, October 19, and October 22, 2022, Department staff received complaints that sediment-laden water was leaving the site boundaries and entering Alder Brook. On October 18 and December 7, 2022, Department staff conduct site visits and observed: 1. Sediment-laden water entering neighboring properties and Alder Brook; 2. Sediment-laden water entering the Kennebec River via Alder Brook; 3. Approximately 30 acres of disturbed and unstable land at one time; 4. Inadequate erosion and sedimentation controls; and 5. Stormwater structures that were eroded and overwhelmed. By conducting or causing to be conducted an activity that involves exposing soil or other earthen materials without preventing unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment beyond the project site and into a protected natural resource, Tower violated the *Erosion and Sedimentation Control law*, 38 M.R.S. § 420-C. By failing to ensure that adequate erosion control measures were in place before the activity began and failing to ensure that the erosion control measures remained in place and functional until the site was permanently stabilized, Tower violated the *Erosion and Sedimentation Control law*, 38 M.R.S. § 420-C. By failing to take all necessary actions to ensure that its activities or those of its agents did not result in noticeable erosion of soils on the site during the construction and opening up 30 acres of the site without obtaining Department approval, Tower violated Standard Condition A and Special Conditions 2 and 4 of Department Order #L-28928-PS-A-N/L-29828-TB-B-N and 38 M.R.S. § 483-A(2). By discharging a pollutant, namely soil, to waters of the state without first obtaining a license from the Department, Tower violated the *Protection and Improvement of Waters Act*, 38 M.R.S. § 413. Since the time of the violations, Tower has spent approximately \$722,343 to remediate the impacts of its non-compliance. To resolve these violations, Tower agreed to pay to the *Treasurer, State of Maine*, a civil monetary penalty in the amount of two hundred thirty-five thousand six hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$235,697.00).



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**MaineHealth dba Stepehns Hospital, Norway, Oxford County, Maine.** MaineHealth, d/b/a Stephens Hospital ("Stephens Hospital") is a Maine non-profit corporation that operates a hospital in Norway, Maine. Prior to October 1, 2024, the hospital operated as Stephens Memorial Hospital. On September 18, 2024, Department staff conducted an inspection of Stephens Hospital. During the inspection, staff observed: 1. A "Danger – Unauthorized Personnel Keep Out" sign was absent at the Hazardous Waste Storage Area ("HWSA"); 2. A "No Smoking" sign was absent at the HWSA; 3. Stephens Hospital was not conducting weekly inspections at the HWSA, nor at any of the Satellite Accumulation Areas ("SAAs"); 4. The non-acute hazardous waste containers in the HWSA were not marked with the words "Hazardous Waste"; 5. The Universal Waste Storage Area ("UWSA") had insufficient aisle space; 6. One box of compact fluorescent lamps ("CFLs") in the UWSA was not marked "Waste Lamps"; 7. One box of CFLs in the UWSA was open; 8. One box of lamps and two gaylords of e-waste in the UWSA were not labeled with the Accumulation Start Date ("ASD"); 9. One box of batteries in the UWSA was not marked with its contents, such as "Universal Waste - Battery(ies)," or "Waste Battery(ies)," or "Used Battery(ies)"; 10. Two boxes of batteries in the UWSA were not labeled with ASDs; 11. There was no receiving log being maintained for universal wastes placed in the UWSA, nor was an inventory kept; 12. There was no Contingency Plan specifically for Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") hazardous waste; 13. Stephens Hospital did not update mutual aid agreements annually and in writing for calendar years 2022, 2023 or 2024, except for one with MaineHealth Franklin Hospital; 14. Stephens Hospital had not provided RCRA hazardous waste training for its employees in the past three years, except for one training in November 2023 which was attended by only four employees. By failing to post a sign with the legend, "Danger—Unauthorized Personnel Keep Out", at the entrances of the hazardous waste storage area, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 851, § 13(C)(7)(c)(i) which incorporates by reference the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.14(c). By failing to post signage with the legend "No Smoking" signs at the entrances of the hazardous waste storage area, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 851, § 13(C)(7)(c) which incorporates by reference the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.17(a). By failing to conduct weekly inspections of locations where hazardous waste is stored, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 851, § 13(D)(1-2). By failing to properly label and mark hazardous waste containers with the words "Hazardous Waste," Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 851, § 8(B)(3-4). By failing to store containers in a manner that allows the unobstructed movement of personnel, fire equipment, spill control equipment and decontamination equipment, including providing aisle space no less than 36 inches wide, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858, § 7(N). By failing to mark one or more containers with the words "Waste Lamps," Stephens



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Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858, § 7(W)(5). By failing to store universal wastes in containers that are closed, structurally sound, compatible with the content of the waste, and show no evidence of leakage or damage, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858, § 7(F). By failing to label each universal waste container or collection container with an accumulation start date and the date the container became full, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858, § 7(L). By failing to label or mark one or more containers with the words "Waste Batteries" Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858 § 12, which incorporates by reference the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 273.14(a). By failing to label each battery container with an ASD and the date the container became full, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858, § 12, which incorporates by reference the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 273.15(c)(2). By failing to maintain an inventory system on-site that identifies the universal waste types and numbers of items in storage, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858, § 7(Q)(2). By not maintaining a Contingency Plan, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 851, § 8(B)(5) which incorporates by reference 40 C.F.R. § 264.52. By failing to document its attempt to update aid agreements annually and in writing, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 851, § 13(C)(7)(c)(ii). By failing to train all employees and contractors who handle or have responsibility for managing hazardous wastes and universal wastes on proper handling and emergency procedures, Stephens Hospital violated 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 858, § 7(I), and 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 851, § 8(B)(5) incorporating by reference 40 C.F.R. § 264.16. To resolve these violations, Tower agreed to pay to the *Treasurer, State of Maine*, a civil monetary penalty in the amount of twenty-two thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$22,740.00).