



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

Notice of Opportunity to Intervene

On January 28, 2026, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) accepted for processing an application by Aries Pine Tree LLC (“Aries”) for a solid waste license for a proposed biosolids gasification facility to be located in Sanford, York County, Maine. The solid waste application will be referenced as S-100033. On February 3, 2026, the Department accepted for processing an application by Aries for an air emission license for this proposed facility. The air emission application will be referenced as A-1195-71-A-N.

On March 19, 2026, Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner of the Department, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 1310-S(2) (Public and Local Participation), determined that a combined public hearing regarding the air emission and solid waste processing facility applications would be conducted to assist the Department in the application review process.

The Commissioner has delegated to Elizabeth Wyman, Esq. the authority to act as Presiding Officer for the purposes of carrying out the hearing. Notice of the hearing date, time, and location will be published at a later date in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedures Act, 5 M.R.S. §§ 9051-A to 9052, and Department rules, including Rules Governing the Conduct of Licensing Hearings, 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 3 (“Chapter 3”).

Filing a Petition To Intervene

Any person wishing to participate as a party to the adjudicatory proceeding must file a written petition to intervene. As set forth in the Maine Administrative Procedures Act, 5 M.R.S. § 9054 and Chapter 3, § 11(A) of the Department’s rules, the petition to intervene must show that the petitioner is either an agency of federal, state, municipal or other government; or a person or member of a class which is, or may be, substantially and directly affected by the proposed project. Non-governmental petitions for leave to intervene must include the following information:

- (1) The identification of the petitioner. If the petitioner is a group or organization, the petition must include a general description of the purpose and membership of the group or organization;
- (2) A description of the effect of the proposed activity on the petitioner;
- (3) Reasonably specific contentions regarding the subject matter of the hearing, namely:

- a. The application before the Department relevant to licensing criteria of Maine's Solid Waste Rules (06-096 C.M.R. ch. 400 and ch. 409);
 - b. The application before the Department relevant to licensing criteria of Maine's Major and Minor Source Air Emission License Regulation (06-096 C.M.R. ch. 115);
- (4) The name of the spokesperson for the petitioner, if applicable; and
 - (5) A statement regarding the ability of the petitioner to participate in the proceedings to support the petitioner's contentions.

Persons granted leave to intervene may be allowed full or limited participation in the proceeding at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, which includes: the right to offer testimony and evidence; the right to cross-examine other parties; and the responsibility to attend pre-hearing conferences and abide by procedural orders issued by the Presiding Officer.

Intervenors and the applicant (Aries) may be required to file testimony in written form, prior to the hearing, for review by the Department and other parties in advance of the hearing. Further notice on the manner and time within which evidence may be submitted to the agency for consideration will be provided to intervenors at a later date.

The Presiding Officer may require intervenors to consolidate their presentations of evidence and argument in part or in whole if their interests or contentions are substantially similar and such consolidation would expedite or simplify the hearing without prejudice to the rights of any party.

A portion of the public hearing will be reserved for the purpose of receiving testimony from the general public. The Department will also accept written comments from the general public until the close of the hearing record. **Members of the public who wish to provide written comments to the Department about the applications, or who wish to testify at the public hearing, do not need to file a petition to intervene.** Additional information regarding how to testify or provide written comments will be provided at a later date. Members of the general public who wish to receive notices related to the public hearing may request to be put on the "Interested Persons" list, as set forth below, without the need to intervene.

Written petitions to intervene must be received by the Department on or before August 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. A petition to intervene filed after this date may be granted by the Presiding Officer only if the criteria listed above are met and if it is determined that good cause for filing after the deadline has been shown.

Petitions must be directed to the Department by one of the following means:

By mail:

Elizabeth J. Wyman
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Electronically:

AriesHearing.DEP@maine.gov

The final page of a petition to intervene must be dated and signed. All petitions must be received by the Department no later than the date and time set forth above.

Questions regarding petitions to intervene may be directed to the Presiding Officer, Elizabeth Wyman at AriesHearing.DEP@maine.gov.

[“Interested Persons” and Access to Information](#)

Members of the public who would like to be added to the “Interested Persons” list may contact the Department by email at AriesHearing.DEP@maine.gov.

The applications for the project are available for viewing on the Department’s website on the [Aries Pine Tree LLC, Sanford page](#).

Paper copies of the applications are available at the City of Sanford municipal offices, 919 Main Street, Sanford, 04073, and at the Department’s office in Augusta by appointment only (207-287-7843).