**2025-2026 Annual Regulatory Agendas**

Proposed Agenda Item #1

**AGENCY UMBRELLA AND UNIT NUMBER: 15-214**

**AGENCY: Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

**AGENCY RULEMAKING LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** 15 214 CMR (# to be assigned), Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund

**STATUTORY BASIS**: 37-B MRSA §747

**PURPOSE:** Adopt rules to implement and administer the Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund

**SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION**: Prior to September 2026

**AFFECTED PARTIES:** Applicants to the Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT**: N/A

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Proposed Agenda Item #2

**AGENCY UMBRELLA AND UNIT NUMBER: 15-214**

**AGENCY: Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** 15 214 CMR Ch. 5, Maine Disaster Recovery Fund

**STATUTORY BASIS**: 37-B MRS §745

**PURPOSE:** Update the rules that govern the process for the expenditure of funds from the Disaster Recovery Fund

**SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION**: Prior to December 2026

**AFFECTED PARTIES:** State and local government units, businesses, individuals, and families

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT**: N/A

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Proposed Agenda Item #3

**AGENCY UMBRELLA AND UNIT NUMBER: 15-214**

**AGENCY: Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** 15 214 CMR Ch. 4, Maine Dam Repair and Reconstruction Revolving Loan Program

**STATUTORY BASIS**: Title 37-B, Chapter 24: Dam Safety, §1130. Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund

**PURPOSE:** Amend the existing rule to increase the cap on loans from $100k to $1M, amend the loan term from 5 to 5-30 years, add considerations for matching funds, and add considerations for loan forgiveness.

**SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION**: As soon as practicable, pending enactment of LD 1382, An Act Regarding Dam Repair

**AFFECTED PARTIES:** Municipalities or quasi-municipal corporation or district

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT**: N/A

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Proposed Agenda Item #4

**AGENCY UMBRELLA AND UNIT NUMBER: 15-214**

**AGENCY: Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** 15 214 CMR (# to be assigned), Maine Dam Safety Program

**STATUTORY BASIS**: Title 37-B, Chapter 24: Dam Safety and Title 38, Chapter 5: General Provisions Relating to Rivers and Streams, Subchapter 1: Mills and Dams

**PURPOSE:** Adopt rules to implement recommendations for the improvement of dam safety in the State of Maine as identified in the report required pursuant to Resolve 2021, 31 chapter 176 and submitted to the 131st Legislature in February 2024.

**SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION**: As soon as practicable, pending enactment of LD 1848, An Act to Implement Recommendations for Improved Dam Safety

**AFFECTED PARTIES:** Maine dam owners

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT**: N/A

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Proposed Agenda Item #5

**AGENCY UMBRELLA AND UNIT NUMBER: 15-214**

**AGENCY: Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** 15 214 CMR (# to be assigned), Maine Dam Safety Program

**STATUTORY BASIS**: Title 38, Chapter 5: General Provisions Relating to Rivers and Streams, Subchapter 1: Mills and Dams

**PURPOSE:** Working with other State Agencies, consider rulemaking with regards to the laws regulating release from dam ownership.

**SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION**: Prior to December 2026

**AFFECTED PARTIES:** Maine dam owners and municipalities

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT**: N/A

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