# 2025-2026 REGULATORY AGENDA

July 2025

AGENCY UMBRELLA UNIT NUMBER: **99-626**

AGENCY NAME: **Maine Rural Development Authority (MRDA)**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: NONE

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**:

**CHAPTER 2: Commercial Facilities Development Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S.A. §13120‑P

PURPOSE: To make changes to the application and approval process for financial assistance from the Program to ensure efficient administration of the Program, to assist eligible borrowers and to reflect legislative changes.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Approval for Rulemaking: January, 2026; Adoption Date: March, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Businesses that apply for financing for construction and/or renovation costs of an eligible facility.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: The Board does not intend to employ consensus-based rule development.

**CHAPTER 03: Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Development Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S.A. §13170-R and 13120-L

PURPOSE: To make changes to the process for awarding planning grants and implementation grants for redevelopment of rural manufacturing or industrial sites, and to implement changes in legislation, if any.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Approval for Rulemaking: January, 2026; Adoption Date: March, 2026.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Any potential applicant for grant funds for redevelopment of rural industrial or manufacturing sites.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: The Authority does not intend to employ consensus-based rule development