Hello!

I am writing to submit a comment for the upcoming Maine Science Standards Review. As a 4th grade teacher and grade-level science coordinator, my biggest concern is that science curriculum being offered by companies is based on the NextGen Science Standards (NGSS), while the 5th grade MEAs are based on the MLR science standards. While there is some overlap, there is much that doesn't and it is not fair that students are being tested on standards they haven't learned. It is therefore my belief that Maine should adopt the NGSS. These standards have been thoroughly developed with a balance among the different science disciplines, and with a vertical spiral as standards are revisited in more depth as students progress through the grades.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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