



DEP “101” Agency Basics

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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Protecting Maine’s Air, Land and Water

Overview

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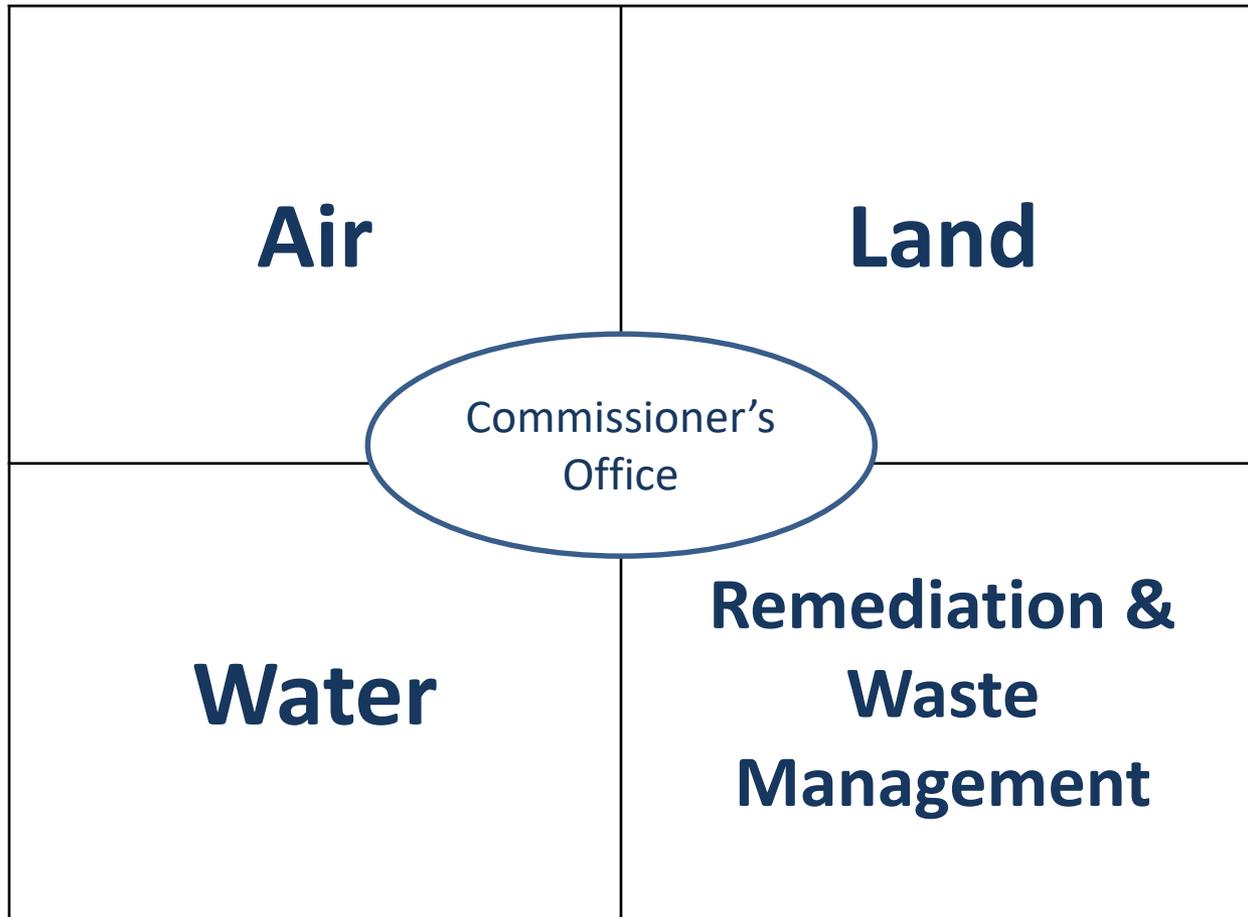
DEP's Mission

“The department shall prevent, abate and control the pollution of the air, water and land and preserve, improve and prevent diminution of the natural environment of the State. The department shall protect and enhance the public's right to use and enjoy the State's natural resources and may educate the public on natural resource use, requirements and issues.”

(38 M.R.S. 341-A)



DEP Structure



DEP Office Locations

Augusta – Central Maine

Bangor – Eastern Maine (*Susanne Miller*)

Portland – Southern Maine (*Marybeth Richardson*)

Presque Isle – Northern Maine (*Bill Sheehan*)



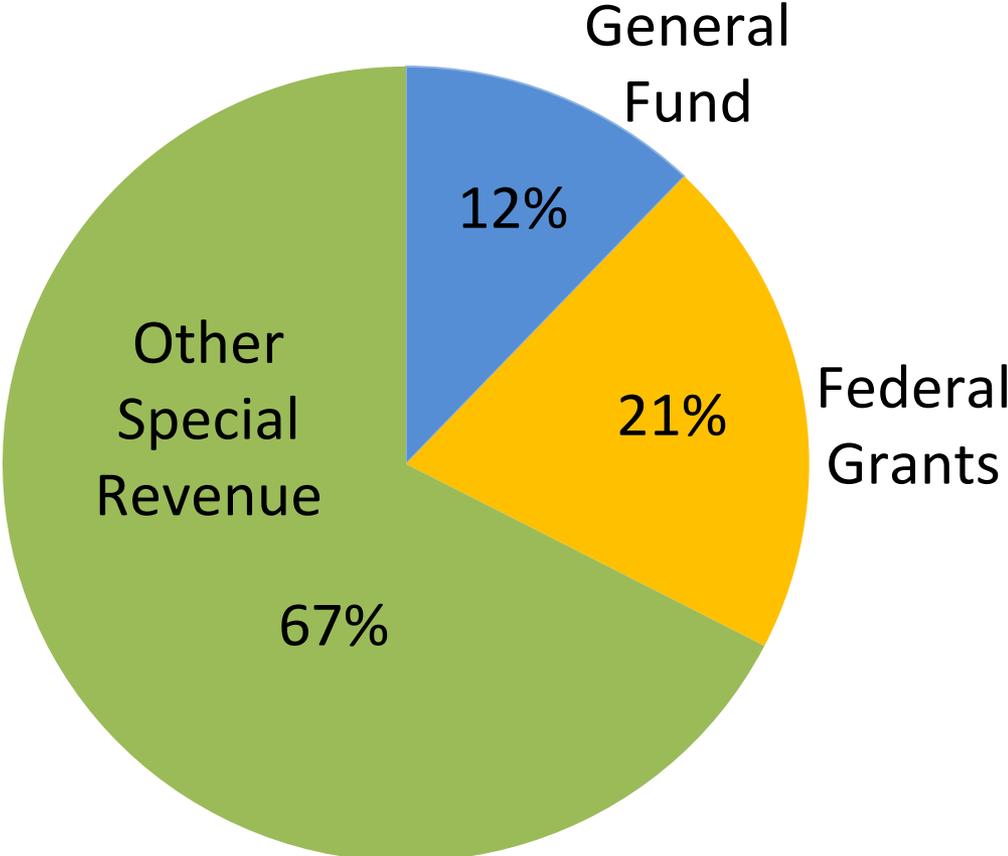
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DEP staff and services still available

- 24/7 Emergency response for oil and haz-mat spills
- Offices closed to public without appointment
- Maximize telework
- Safety measures for inspections and field work
- *NEW* Online payment tool
- *NEW* Email-box for land permit applications



Budget



DEP Authorities

Maine Revised Statutes – Title 38

- Water quality, Air quality, Land development
- Climate Change (Chapters 3-A Goals, 3-B RGGI)
- Title 38 also directs DMR, DACF, DHHS, and other agencies

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA delegates authority to State to implement federal environmental laws and rules



Federally Delegated Programs

- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Resource Conservation & Recovery Act

Performance Partnership Agreement & Grant

State-only Laws

Land development:

Natural Resources Protection Act
Site Location of Development Act
Stormwater Management
Erosion and Sedimentation Control
Wind Energy Act

Water quality targets:

- all ground water should be drinkable
- all surface water should be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable after treatment



Interagency Coordination

- Departments of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources designated review agencies for certain DEP permit applications
- Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry responsible for municipal planning assistance and geological services
- Department of Transportation manages Volkswagen settlement funds used for match with Diesel Emission Reduction Act grants
- Efficiency Maine distributes funds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and provides energy-efficiency education and customer support



Website - www.maine.gov/dep/

Legislative Reports -

www.maine.gov/dep/publications/index.html

Opportunity for Public Comment

RSS Feeds - www.maine.gov/dep/social/rss.html

Major Projects

Assistance Hotline 800-789-9802

Oil Spills 800-482-0777/Hazmat 800-452-4664

Climate Toolkit



Topics of Interest

- Climate Change
- PFAS
- Air monitoring
- Wastewater infrastructure
- Renewable energy permitting



Air Quality



Bureau of Air Quality

- Mobile Sources
- Licensing
- Compliance
- Emissions Inventory
- Atmospheric Science and Analysis
- Air Monitoring
- Laboratory and Quality Assurance



Land Development



Bureau of Land Resources

- Mining
 - Gravel pits & quarries
 - Metallic mineral mining
- Hydropower
 - Permitting
 - Water quality certifications
- Shoreland Zoning
 - Ordinance review
 - Municipal assistance
- Land Use
 - Permitting
 - Field services



A photograph of a forest with a view of a lake through the trees. The trees are tall and thin, with green foliage. The lake is visible in the background, and there are mountains in the distance. The ground is covered in brown leaves and pine needles.

Buffer cut, and trees pruned, in
compliance with the standards;
there's still a view!



Water Quality



example of properly installed culverts

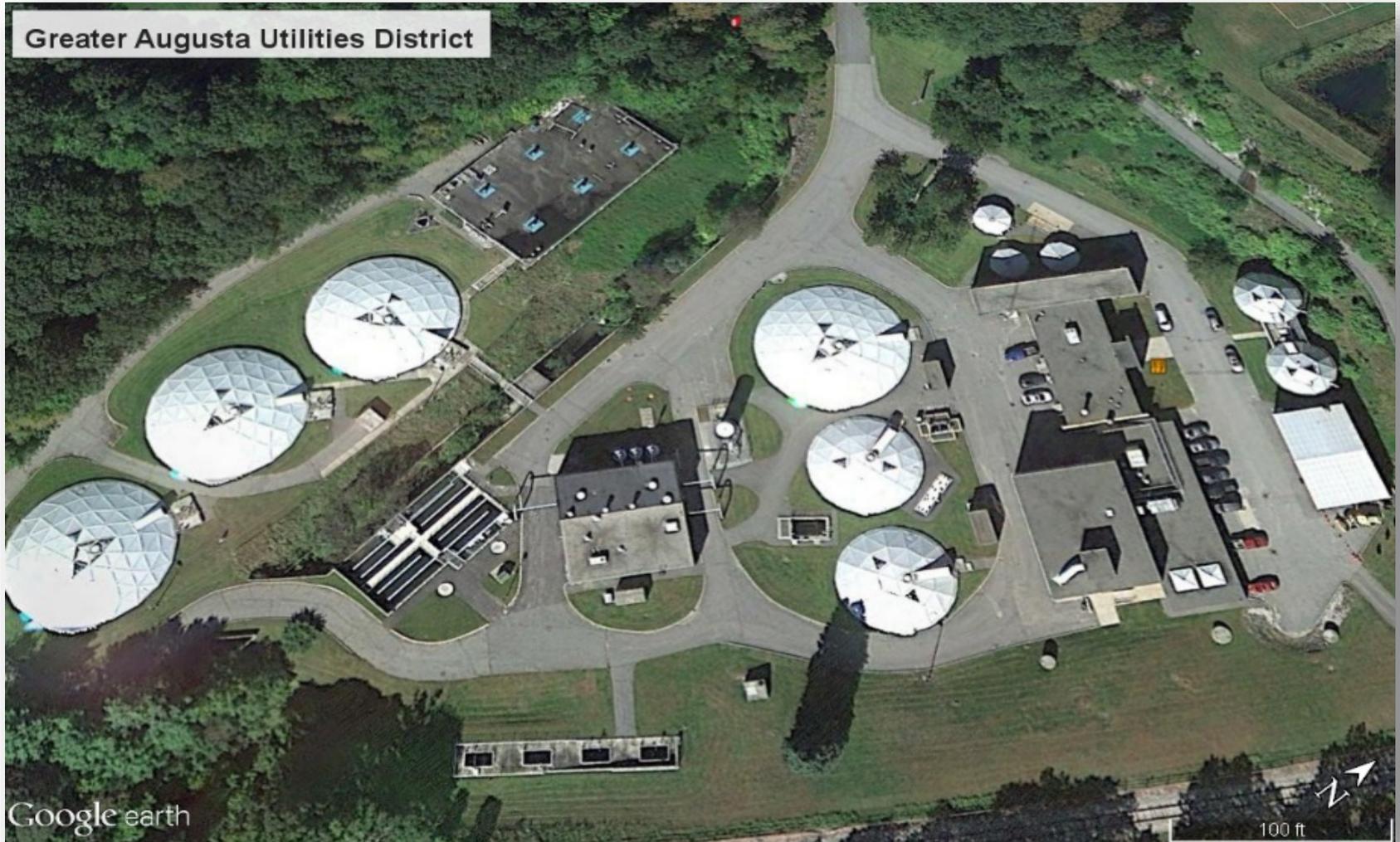


Water Issues

- Water Classifications
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Invasive Plants
- Wastewater Discharges
- Technical and Financial Assistance
- Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure



Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure



Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management

- 5 Divisions
- Deputy Bureau Director
- Emergency Response Training Coordinator
- Support for 2 boards
 - BUSTI
 - Cleanup & Response Fund Review Board
- Coordination with EPA, AGs Office, State Fire Marshal, MEMA, MECDC, DACF



Remediation and Waste Management Programs

Major Programs (Federal delegation & State):

- Emergency response services
- USTs, ASTs, marine terminals
- Bottle bill, sustainability programs
- Hazardous & solid waste
- Remediation – Superfund, Uncontrolled Sites
- VRAP & Brownfields



BRWM Program Work



Board of Environmental Protection

Membership: 7-member citizen board, appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Legislature

Purpose: Provide informed, independent and timely decisions on the interpretation, administration and enforcement of DEP laws; provide for credible, fair and responsible public participation in DEP decisions

Responsibilities: Rulemaking, appeals, original jurisdiction over certain applications, consent agreements, other duties required by law

Report to Legislature: BEP reports to the ENR (first regular session) on Board activities and recommendations [38 M.R.S. § 341-D(7)]

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Board of Environmental Protection



Mark Draper,
Chair



Mark Dubois



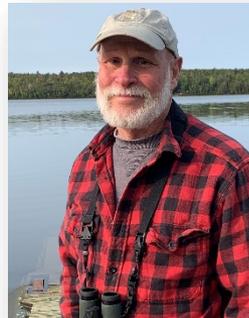
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