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Senator John Martin, Co-Chair
Representative Theodore Koffman, Co-Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
123rd Maine State Legislature
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Reference: Technical and Environmental Assistance Program, Periodic status report by DEP (38
MRSA Sec. 343-C, sub-section 2 (B))

Dear Senator Martin and Representative Koffman and members of the Natural Resources Committee:

I have attached the periodic status report prepared by DEP's Technical and Environmental Assistance Program (Office of Innovation). This report covers the work completed during 2006 to support Maine small businesses and to encourage pollution prevention, including continual environmental improvements.

We are particularly pleased with our success at providing:

- 471 direct on site and license assistance efforts;
- Ongoing growth and technical assistance in the Governor's Carbon Challenge Program, including working with facilities as well as individuals and homeowners to reduce carbon emissions associated with global warming;
- Certifying 47 lodging establishments under the Green Lodging Program as Environmental Leaders; and
- Successful completion of the Environmental Results Program (ERP) with Maine's auto body sector and further recognizing Environmental Leaders within this sector.

We have formatted this report to provide succinct, meaningful information regarding our programs by including graphics and charts. We intend to use this report as an education and outreach tool for a variety of audiences.

We encourage your thoughts and comments regarding this report and would welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Maine DEP Office of Innovation



We helped over **17,106** entities in 2006 including small businesses, manufacturers, and service industries last year with environmental issues through multi-media on-site visits, hotline calls, informational requests and technical assistance.

Staff work one on one with individuals and facilities to help small businesses understand regulations including:

- Clean Air Act rules & requirements.
- Hazardous Waste rules & requirements.
- Water Quality rules & requirements.

Contact us toll free at:

1-800-789-9802 to receive:

- Free information
- Compliance assistance
- Regulatory guidance
- P2 assistance
- Referral

We are:

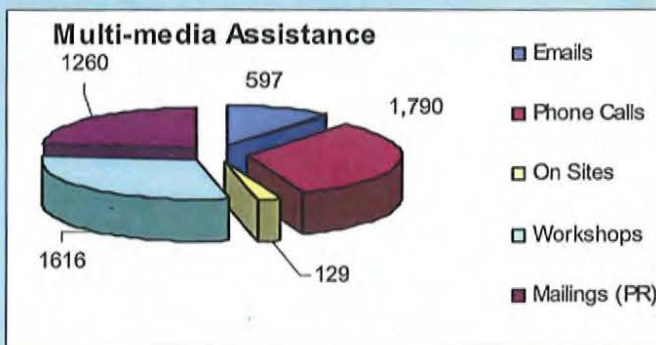
- Department of Environmental Protection employees
- Established and funded under the Toxic Program fees & Clean Air Act
- Supported by US EPA Small Business Ombudsman
- Assisted through grants from United States Environmental Protection Agency and Iowa Waste Reduction Center

We provide:

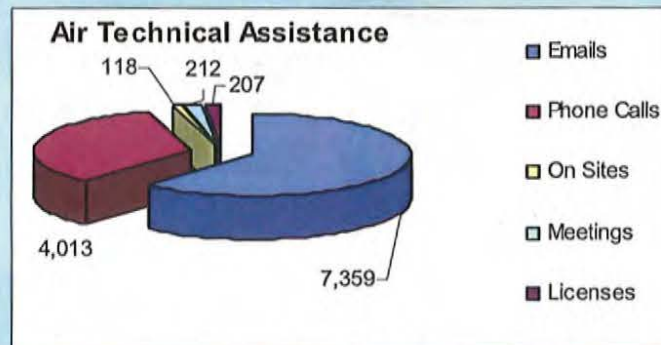
- Free on-site environmental compliance assessments
- Free Phase One Energy Audits through the Governor's Carbon Challenge
- Free technical and pollution prevention assistance
- Referrals to other assistance providers and resources
- Coordination of on-site assistance and other assistance programs
- Referrals for Business to Business mentoring assistance
- Research on Best of Class pollution prevention technologies
- Risk free compliance assistance under the Small Business Compliance Assistance Policy (SBCIP)

Maine DEP uses a variety of approaches and methods to provide **17,106** total assists. The following charts provide a breakdown of the major assistance categories and sub totals. This does not include Web hits, radio and media events which total over **1,274,230** potential recipients of program and regulatory information.

Multi-media Assists 2006



Air Assists 2006



Free Technical Assistance

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Office of Innovation Program Updates 2007

Programs (ELPs):

- Green Lodging Certification
- STEP-UP
- Environmental Results Program (ERP)
- Environmental Management Systems (EMS) facilitation
- Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence
- Governor's Carbon Challenge (Green House Gas Reductions)

1. Multi-media Outreach

- Partnering Assistance Providers
- Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention

2. Strengthening P2 and Small Business Partnering
- Within DEP Programs

3. Policy Analysis of P2 Opportunities.

4. Toxics Data Analysis & Interpretation

5. Working one on one with:

- Individuals
- Facilities
- Environmental groups

On going Assistance

- Pollution Prevention (P2) and Business Assistance
- Toxics Reduction Compliance Assistance
- On-site work and technical assistance
- Industry Sector Assistance as needed
- Utilization of the Compliance Assistance under the Small Business Compliance Incentive Policy (SBCIP)
- Small business Compliance Plain Language guides
- Toxics and Packaging Clearing house participation
- Maine Air Toxics Initiative participation



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