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March 8, 2010

Hon. Seth A. Goodall, Senate Chair
Hon. Robert S. Duchesne, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
124th Maine State Legislature
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Reference: DEP Office of Innovation and Assistance Technical and Environmental Assistance Program Periodic Status Report

Dear Senator Goodall, Representative Duchesne and Members of the Natural Resources Committee:

I have attached the 2010 periodic status report prepared by DEP's Office of Innovation & Assistance Technical and Environmental Assistance Program pursuant to 38 MRSA, Section 343-C, sub-section 2 (B). This report covers the work completed during 2009 to support Maine small businesses and to encourage pollution prevention, including continual environmental improvements.

We are particularly pleased with our success over the past year, including:

- 68 direct on-site visits focused on lowering environmental and global warming impacts while advocating increased sustainability;
- Over 2,000 assistance related emails and phone calls;
- Ongoing growth and technical assistance in all of the *Environmental Leader* programs, including the Governor's Carbon Challenge Program, Green Lodging Certification, Green Restaurant Certification, and Green Grocery Stores;
- Certifying 108 lodging establishments under the Green Lodging Certification program and 26 restaurants under the Green Restaurant Certification program as Environmental Leaders;
- Modernizing the Toxic Use Reduction Program: LD 1423; and
- Leading the Clean Government Initiative established in 2001 under 38 MRSA, Section 343-H and implementing State procurement of environmentally friendly commodities and services, as assessed on a life cycle basis, including cleaning chemicals, electronics, lights, uniforms and paper.

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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 it with you if you would like.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Littell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David P. Littell
Commissioner



Annual Report 2010

Maine DEP Office of Innovation & Assistance

We are:

Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Innovation & Assistance (OI&A) staff:

- Trained to assist businesses
- Trained in multi-media regulations
- Trained in EMS development
- Trained in Process Mapping, including Lean Manufacturing

We provide:

- Free on-site environmental compliance assessments
- Free assistance on becoming an Environmental Leader
- Free level one energy audits
- 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 pollution prevention technologies
- Free compliance audit under the Small Business Compliance Assistance Policy (SBCIP)

OI&A helped thousands of entities in 2009 including municipalities, businesses, manufacturers, and service industries with energy & environmental issues through multi-media technical assistance.

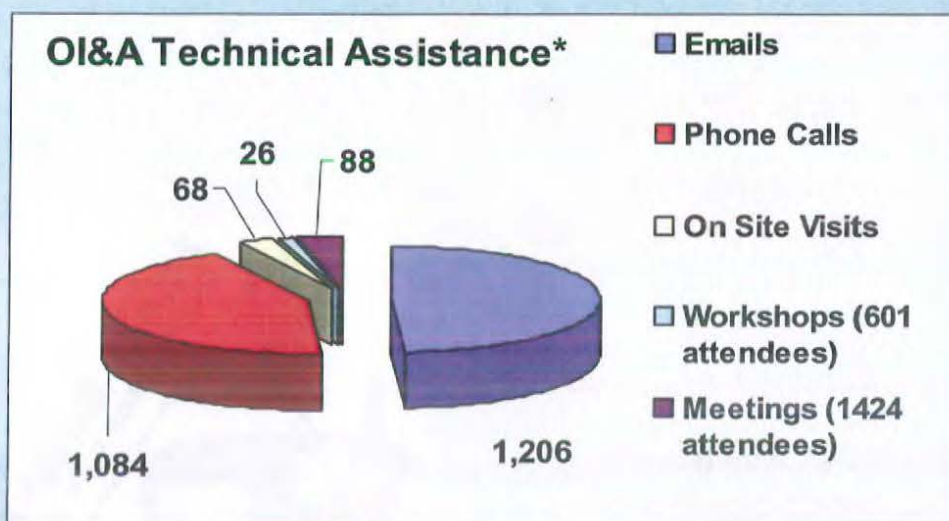
Staff worked with individuals and facilities to achieve better business and environmental results:

- Energy Efficiency & Carbon Reductions
- Smart Production & Sustainability
- Regulatory Requirements including:

- Water & Air Quality Rules
- Hazardous Waste Rules

Call 1-800-789-9802 to receive:

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



*Web site visits totaled 110,539
www.maine.gov/dep/innovation

Innovation & Assistance Highlights 2010

Maine Environmental Leader Green Lodging & Green Restaurant Certification Reduced:

- 17,484,282 gallons of water
- 10,171,260 kWhs
- 2,603,100 pounds of solid waste



Clean Government Initiative Reduced:

- 171 metric tons of CO₂
- 4536 pounds of chemical cleaning products
- 10,375 pounds of hazardous waste
- 1830 tons of wood
- 1100 pounds of lead

Governor's Carbon Challenge



Reduced Maine's
Carbon Footprint:
130,000 Metric Tons+

Small Business Assistance Program

- Maine Small Business Ombudsman planned and coordinated training with U.S. EPA on Surface Coating Rules with anticipated impact to reach thousands of small sources in Maine
- Advised Manufacturers of Maine (MAME)
- Worked with Manufacturing Extension partners to provide Lean training, which included incorporating energy and environmental measurements for the first time in Maine's Lean tool kit

LD 1423: Modernize Toxic Use Reduction Program

- LD1423 will repeal existing TURA by 2012
- Collaborative stakeholders process representing industry, labor, environmental & public health, and government
- Shift focus to use of priority toxic chemicals: lower threshold
- Listings based on threat to human health, environment, and workers; usage in Maine; and availability of safer alternatives
- DEP rulemaking by July 2011 and every 3 years thereafter
- Up to 10 chemicals on first list
- Technical Assistance to reduce use of priority toxic chemicals by Maine businesses

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Serving Small Businesses and the Environment
in Maine!