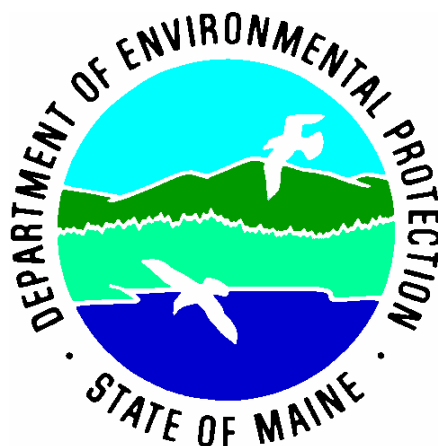


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For the Period:
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Reporting

- The following is the fourth quarterly report for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Auto Body Environmental Results Program (ERP). This report covers the period from October 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.
- The fourth quarter focus involved completing baseline Pollution Prevention (P2) Surveys and drafting the workbook.

Progress Towards Milestones

- The Cadmus Group, Inc. is working on additional statistical analysis that will allow the DEP to determine self-certification accuracy.
- The baseline P2 surveys were completed. 18 P2 Surveys were completed in October, for a total of 59 P2 Surveys.
- Internal Stakeholder Outreach: The Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) continued to provide environmental engineers from the Licensing and Enforcement Division to assist Sara Lippert on P2 Surveys.
- External Stakeholder Outreach: Sara Lippert and Peter Cooke met with Steve Piper from the Maine Auto Dealers Association to discuss ideas for the workshop. The Maine Auto Dealers Association helped coordinate and sponsor the workshop.
- The DEP hosted an auto body workshop on December 5, 2005. The workshop was well attended, and the attendees had good questions and comments.
- The workbook has been drafted, and is currently being reviewed internally by the Bureau of Air Quality, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, and the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management to assure that all of the current regulations are in the workbook.
- The Self-Certification checklist is being reviewed internally by the Bureau of Air Quality, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, and the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management.
- Incentives for shops to volunteer for the ERP have been developed.
 - All shops that self-certify will receive an Environmental Leader Program sticker to display at their shop
 - The shop will be listed as an Environmental Leader on the DEP's Environmental Leader website.
 - Shops will receive free technical assistance from the DEP.
 - Shops will also have the opportunity to use the DEP's Small Business Compliance Incentives Policy. This policy allows shops to contact the DEP

with a violation, and work with the DEP to solve environmental problems while avoiding the threat of enforcement action for discovered violations. The policy allows the shop 90 days to correct the problem. This policy does not apply to any egregious violations.

- The ERP web page has been posted on the DEP's website at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/eleader/erp/index.htm>.
- Sara Lippert and Peter Cooke met with George Frantz (EPA region 1) to update him on the progress of the ERP.
- Database Development: The DEP is in the beginning stages of developing a database to house ERP data.

Impediment

- The DEP chose to postpone the internal review and finalization of the workbook until the workshop was held. The DEP felt that it was important for the auto body shops to weigh in with questions and comments. During the workshop, the DEP was asked about topics that were not covered in the workbook. Those topics have been added to the workbook. The postponement of the internal review of the workbook has pushed the deadline for the finalization of the workbook off until February 2006.