



Weekly President's Message

Week of January 1, 2018

Happy New Year, MEWEA members!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to 2018.

I had planned to ring in the New Year at the 11th Annual Lobster Dip in Old Orchard Beach, but due to severe cold weather the event has been rescheduled to Saturday January 13 (current forecast is 32°!). So, there is still time to join us or help with our fundraising goal! (See upcoming events below for the web link).

Our next Executive Committee meeting is January 15 at Maine Municipal Association in Augusta. If you would like to attend and learn more about MEWEA, please call or email me, we would love to have you.

Reminder to all MEWEA past Presidents. I am still looking for photos and bios to complete the Past Presidents page on the website: <https://www.mewea.org/past-presidents/>. Also, if anyone has photos of and/or information about past presidents who are no longer with us, I would greatly appreciate receiving those as well.

Sadly, I need to announce that a couple water professionals passed away this holiday season: Allan Moir and Greg McVeigh.



Allan Kenneth Moir, 63, of Kennebunkport, died Sunday evening, December 24, 2017 at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House. He was born in Worcester, MA on May 20, 1954, a son of George Allan Moir and Elise Marie (Toomey) Moir. Allan grew up in Upton, MA, and graduated from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. Training to be a machinist, he worked for Bay State Abrasives in Westboro, MA. He then took a job as a plant operator with the Upton Sewer Department. While in Upton, he also learned the demanding and rewarding job of firefighter and EMT, working with the Upton Fire Department.

In 1977, he met his future wife, the former Donna Lee Carpenter, on a blind date. They were married on September 7, 1977, and celebrated their 40th anniversary earlier this year.

Allan and Donna moved to Maine in 1981 when Allan was hired by the Kennebunkport Wastewater Department. He became a well-respected member of the Washington Hose Company and, in 2010, was hired as Chief of the Kennebunkport Fire Department, a position in which he was serving at the time of his death. He was well loved by his firefighters, never asking them to do something he wouldn't do. Allan was also the proprietor of K-Port Divers. He taught SCUBA, tended moorings, and performed boat and ice rescues. When not working, he enjoyed being on his boat, hunting, fishing, and yardwork, ensuring Donna's garden was ready to plant. He was an Eagle Scout, and also held his private pilot's license.

In addition to his parents, Allan was predeceased by a brother, John Moir. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Donna Lee Moir of Kennebunkport; a brother, Andy Moir of Surry, ME; two sisters, Elise Elbrecht of Lake Peekskill, NY, and Denise Smith of Upton, MA; nieces and nephews Andrew and Thomas Elbrecht, Amanda and Amber Moir, Cameron and Madeline Smith.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Kennebunkport Village Fire Department, 32 North Street, Kennebunkport.

Allan and his family would be honored if one would consider a donation to KEMS, PO Box 460B, Kennebunkport, ME 04046 in his memory.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Allan's Book of Memories page at www.bibberfuneral.com

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

Obituary retrieved from: <http://www.bibbermemorial.com/book-of-memories/3381490/Moir-Allan/obituary.php>



Gregory John McVeigh, age 65, died Saturday December 23, 2017 at Maine Medical Center, Portland.

He was born February 15, 1952 in Rochester NY the son of Raymond and Pearl Johnson McVeigh. He was a graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, SUNY Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, and Oklahoma State University, and later partially finished his MS in Civil Engineering at the University of Houston, which he put on hold once his first child was born. After graduating from Oklahoma State University he moved to Houston to work for Brown and Root where he met and later married Teresa Rice in Houston on January 27, 1979.

He had been employed at Langford Engineering, Houston until relocating to the Brunswick area in 1987. He was most recently employed with Wright-Pierce, Topsham. He was a member of the ASCE, AWWA, and WEF professional societies and held Professional Engineering licenses throughout his career in states such as Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, and Texas. He was formerly an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brunswick.

He was motivated by his love and devotion to family, to which he was selflessly available as a sounding board for ideas, an extra hand for house repairs/improvements, or simply lent an ear to listen. Though he had always found enjoyment in either hiking or biking; his most recent joy lay in the anticipation of the birth of his first grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa McVeigh of Brunswick; a son, Sean McVeigh of Cedar Rapids, IA; a daughter, Meghan McBride and her husband Nicholas of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; a sister, Tina Lynch and her husband John of Raymond, ME.

Friends and family can visit 2-4pm Saturday January 6, 2018 at the Brackett Funeral Home, 29 Federal Street, Brunswick, ME. Interment will take place at a later date in Rice Cemetery, Ollie, TX. Memorial Contributions can be made locally to The Salvation Army Bath-Brunswick, 25 Congress Avenue • Bath, Maine 04530.

Obituary retrieved from: <http://www.brackettfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Gregory-Mcveigh/#!/Obituary>

Upcoming Events

- January 13: 11th Annual Lobster Dip. The Brunswick. Join the MEWEA team:
<https://www.firstgiving.com/team/361080>
- January 19 MEWEA Family Ice Skate Day Thompsons Point Arena (hosted by the YP Committee).
- January 21-24: NEWEA Annual Conference Boston Marriott Copley Place
- February 6-7, 2018 Maine Water Utilities Association 92nd Annual February Meeting and Trade Show (with MEWEA track) Holiday Inn by The Bay Portland
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Week of January 8, 2018

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to testify in favor of LD1510 (\$50 million wastewater bond) and LD178 (\$5 million stormwater bond). This is something that I had never done before, so was very grateful for the opportunity and the support I received from other MEWEA members who attended. I also went to a work session on LD1298 “An Act to Update Maine’s Water Quality Standards”. I look forward to learning more about the legislative process and representing MEWEA members. If you’re interested in what’s going on in Augusta and when, check out their online calendar: <http://legislature.maine.gov/Calendar/#Weekly/2018-01-07> and consider getting involved with MEWEA’s Government Affairs Committee.



Once again Mother Nature has prevented us from jumping into the ocean for the annual Lobster Dip to benefit Maine Special Olympics. It was originally scheduled for 1/1, then pushed to 1/13, now has been rescheduled again for next Saturday 1/20. But, you know what that means? There is still time to join the team or donate! <https://www.firstgiving.com/team/361080>

Operations Challenge is in search of new members. This group participates in what could be dubbed the “Wastewater Olympics” for professionals in the wastewater treatment industry. Teams of 4 members compete in 5 separate events: operations, maintenance, laboratory, safety, and collection systems. Teams have the opportunity to compete at the regional level to earn the right to represent MEWEA/NEWEA at the national WEF competition. It is lots of fun and an opportunity to work on your skills and make new professional connections. Email Alex.Buechner@Biddefordmaine.org if you are interested or would like more information.



Our next Executive Committee meeting is next Friday January 19 at Maine Municipal Association in Augusta at 9 a.m. If you would like to attend and learn more about MEWEA, please call or email me, we would love to have you.

Reminder to all MEWEA past Presidents. I am still looking for photos and bios to complete the Past Presidents page on the website: <https://www.mewea.org/past-presidents/>. Thank you to those who have sent me their information, the page is really starting to shape up! Stephen Broadbent has reached out to let me know that he and Jim Fitch will be meeting to put together information on some of our past Presidents. Thank you Stephen and Jim!

Upcoming Events

- January 19: Executive Committee Meeting: 9 am @ MMA
- January 19 MEWEA Family Ice Skate Day Thompsons Point Arena (hosted by the YP Committee).
- January 20: 11th Annual Lobster Dip. The Brunswick. Join the MEWEA team: <https://www.firstgiving.com/team/361080>
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Week of January 22, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

I can't believe January is already coming to a close. It's been a busy, but exciting, couple of weeks! On 1/20 I took the plunge at the Lobster Dip in Old Orchard Beach to benefit Maine Special Olympics. Our team raised almost \$1000! Thank you to all who donated and wished us well. The weather was in the low 40's, so we managed to avoid frostbite, but it was still quite chilling! Mark your calendars for next year and join us. 1/1/2019!



Nick Konstantoulakis (Mechanic Falls Sanitary District), Mac Richardson (LAWPCA), Paula Drouin (LAWPCA), Scott Firmin (Portland Water District)

Our annual *Clean Water Week Poster Contest* is now open Thank you to Alex Buechner from Biddeford for stepping up to coordinate this very fun event. The contest is open to Maine students in grades 1-12. There will be four winners who will each receive recognition at the fall convention and \$100.

Last year, the winners were also invited to the Bangor Wastewater Treatment plant for a tour and to release the salmon into the river (they have a 180-gallon tank at the treatment plant where they raise the salmon in plant effluent!)

Please help spread the word to schools in your area. Click here to see all of the rules and information: <https://www.mewea.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-MeWEA-Clean-Water-Week-Poster-Competition.pdf>



I spent the first half of this week at the New England Water Environment Association's (NEWEA) annual conference in Boston. Lots of Maine members were recognized for their work and dedication to our industry. We are truly fortunate to have such talented people in our association! Check out the awards brochure here: https://www.mewea.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/AWARDS-BROCHURE_Final.pdf

One of NEWEA's goals this year is to develop a set of 4 videos and shorts to educate New England audiences about the depth of NEWEA's commitment to effective, efficient and innovative wastewater treatment. I was able to speak, as was Travis Jones from Bar Harbor. Here he is talking about why he loves working in the water quality field. I can't wait to see how the final videos come out. I'll be sure to share the links as soon as they're available.



Get connected!

Did you know there are ways to keep in touch with other water professionals in the state? Share information, get/give advice.

Maine Water Professionals Discussion Forum:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/778718278939822/>

Maine Water Utilities discussion forum and blog: <http://mwua.org/>

Upcoming Events

- February 6-7, 2018 Maine Water Utilities Association 92nd Annual February Meeting and Trade Show (with MEWEA track) Holiday Inn by The Bay Portland: <http://mwua.org/>
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President's Message

Week of February 5, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

One very important event we are gearing up for the Legislative Breakfast which will be held on March 1, at the Senator Inn in Augusta. During this event, members network with Legislators and provide them with critical information about how water quality in Maine relies heavily on infrastructure/funding. We have teamed up with other groups and speeches will be given by DEP Commissioner Paul Mercer and EPA Region 1 Administrator Alexandra Dunn. As water quality professionals, your participation is essential to ensuring clean water in Maine and we welcome you to attend the breakfast. The event is free, and we welcome you to attend if you are interested. Even if you cannot attend, **my ask for each of you is that you reach out and invite your local representatives.**

You can find their names & contact information here: <http://legislature.maine.gov/house/townlist.htm>

Register for the event: <https://goo.gl/pjo4wd>

Click on the photo to download the brochure:

2018 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Clean Water for Maine

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“Keeping Water Safe, Clean, and Sustainable”

March 1, 2018 7:00 am - 9:30 am
Senator Inn & Spa - Augusta, Maine

Key Note Speaker: Alexandra Dunn, EPA Region 1 Administrator

Please join us for an informal breakfast meeting on March 1st. We look forward to networking with legislators and providing them with critical information on the clean water professions in Maine. We endeavor to work together in providing Maine's citizens with safe and clean water in order to protect public health and the environment. None of this is possible without sustainable infrastructure, sound management, skilled operators, and financially viable programs. As water quality professionals, your participation is essential to ensuring clean water in Maine and we look forward to the opportunity to share our experiences, listen to questions and concerns, and work with legislators to get them the information that they need to make the best decisions for the State of Maine and our professions.

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President's Message

Week of February 12, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

Reminder, the Legislative Breakfast is on March 1, at the Senator Inn in Augusta. Please **reach out and invite your local representatives.**

You can find their names & contact information here: <http://legislature.maine.gov/house/townlist.htm>
Be sure to include the registration link in your message: <https://goo.gl/pjo4wd>

Current Legislative Items

LD 178 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Jobs, Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water, sponsor Rep. Black. Bond proposal focused on culverts. May be rolled into DEP wastewater bond.

Status: Public hearing on 1/9/18, no work session date set.

LD 399 An Act to Revise's Maine's Environmental Laws, sponsored by Rep. Tucker. This is a one sentence concept draft that is a placeholder for any changes Rep. Tucker, the House Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee, may wish to make. At the work session on 2/8, Len Blanchette and others presented an amendment regarding municipal satellite collection systems based on the stakeholder group created in response to LD 881. ENR will accept comments on the amendment on 2/14 @ 1:00. There was some opposition to the amendment, but it was ultimately included in the amended version approved unanimously by the Committee.

Status: ENR voted unanimously OTP-A on 2/14/18.

LD 467 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Changes in Sea Level, sponsored by Rep. Devin. Provides \$5 million for detailed mapping and sea level monitoring to improve sea level prediction models.

Status: Public hearing on 1/10/18, no work session date set.

LD 964 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings, sponsored by Rep. Fredette. Provides \$10 million for a competitive grant program to assist municipalities with culvert upgrades. Municipalities must provide match.

Status: Public hearing on 7/17, no work session date set.

LD 1298 An Act to Update Maine's Water Quality Standards. Updates Maine's water quality standards regarding certain pesticide application and authorized DEP to use alternative low-flow requirements when assessing the impact of nutrients on water quality, contingent on adopting new nutrient rules.
Status: Passed to be Enacted, Signed by the Governor, 2017 Public Law 319.

LD 1472 An Act To Lower the Costs of Broadband Service by Coordinating the Installation of Broadband Infrastructure, sponsored by Rep. McLean. The bill requires public entities constructing certain projects, including water or sewer lines in the right-of-way of a public road, to install broadband conduit as part of the project. The conduit may be leased to communications companies. Tim Haskell testified in opposition for MEWEA. The EUT Committee significantly changed the bill to simply support information sharing among utilities.

Status: EUT Committee voted unanimous OTP-A on 2/8/18. The amendment will only require notification to broadband companies of when a road opening permit is requested.

LD 1510 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the June 2017 Election, sponsored by Rep. Fredette. This is the DEP wastewater bond bill for \$50M. MEWEA strongly supports.

Status: Public hearing on 1/9/18, no work session date set.

LD 1831 An Act Concerning Remote Participation in Public Proceedings, sponsored by Rep. Moonen. This bill was issued by the Judiciary Committee pursuant to statute. Along with LD 1832, it offers two different models to address the remote participation question. This bill would prohibit remote participation in meetings of any body subject to the Freedom of Access Act, except for the 7 that already have statutory provisions allowing it.

Status: Referred to Judiciary. Public hearing on 2/22/18 @ 1:00.

LD 1832 An Act Implement Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation, sponsored by Rep. Moonen. This bill was issued by the Judiciary Committee pursuant to statute. Along with LD 1831, it offers two different models to address the remote participation question. This bill would only allow remote participation pursuant to a written policy and requires that the public be able to hear remote participants and that a physical quorum must be present.

Status: Referred to Judiciary. Public hearing on 2/22/18 @ 1:00.

Key

OTP=Ought to Pass

OTP-A = Ought to Pass as Amended

ONTP = Ought Not to Pass

FYI: The Government Affairs committee has updated legislative reports from Rick McCarthy posted here: <https://www.mewea.org/government-affairs-committee/>

Tuesday 2/20 is the deadline to sign up for ski day!
I hope to see you there.



Sign up here: <https://www.mewea.org/annual-ski-day/>

Upcoming Events

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President's Message

Week of February 26, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

On Thursday March 1 we held a Legislative Breakfast at the Senator Inn in Augusta. We had a fantastic turnout. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend and/or reach out to your legislators to invite them. At the event, we heard from DEP Commissioner Paul Mercer, and then the keynote speaker was EPA Region 1 Administrator Alexandra Dunn. Bruce Berger, Executive Director for MWUA, closed out the morning with a Q&A session. Together, we were able to really send home the message about the needs of clean water infrastructure. We will continue to communicate these needs and remain optimistic that LD1510 (An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects) will move forward.



Ski Day was held on Friday March 2 at Black Mountain in Rumford, ME. Despite the freezing rain, we had a decent turnout. I was happy to meet several new people, and a great time was had by all.



MEWEA will be presenting at the Maine Sustainability and Water Conference on March 29 at the Augusta Civic Center. Details available here: <https://umaine.edu/mitchellcenter/2018-conference/>

Registration is open for the Spring Conference, April 13, 2018 at the Four Points Sheraton in Bangor: <https://www.mewea.org/events/spring-conference/>

FYI: The Government Affairs committee has updated legislative reports from Rick McCarthy posted here: <https://www.mewea.org/government-affairs-committee/>

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I hope you all stay safe during the Nor'easter that is forecasted for this Wednesday - Thursday!



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President's Message

Week of March 12, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

I learned earlier this week that Noble High School has made it to the national finals in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest. They are one of only 10 top teams! Their project focuses on addressing manganese levels in the Salmon Falls River. These are our future industry leaders! I am very impressed by the work they have done and I encourage you to learn more about it and vote to support them.

Check out their video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MoxRZS6jvI>

You can vote **once per day until April 2** here: <http://www.samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow/>



Manganese in water.



Noble High School junior Holden Ganiere installs the Manganese filtration system at the Berwick Water Department.¹

¹ Photos obtained from: <http://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/207/water-filtration-project-earnsstudents-75k-in-technology/97-528182644>

I am excited to chair session 2B “One Water – An Integrated Approach to Managing Maine’s Water Resources” at the Maine Sustainability and Water Conference on 3/29 in Augusta. This is an opportunity for us to connect with a lot of folks in academia and explain a little bit about what we do. See all session and registration information here:

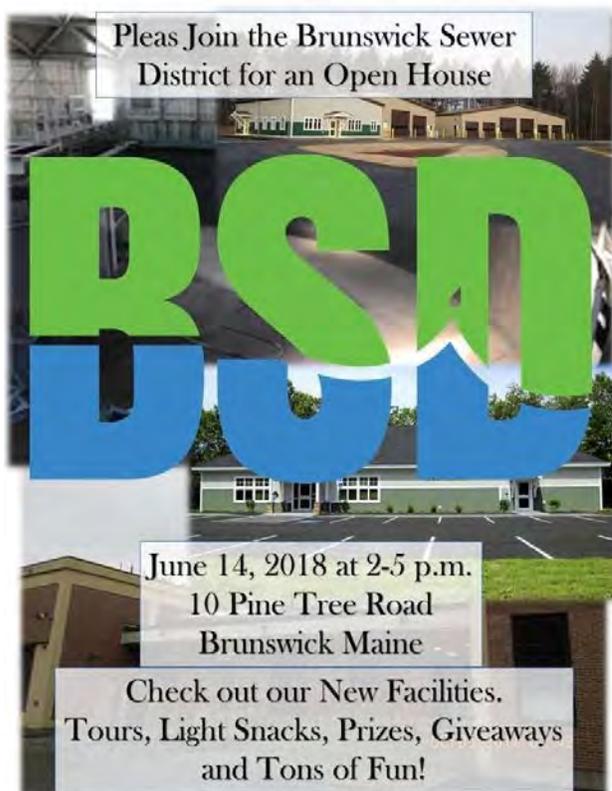
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Online Registration for the MEWEA Spring Conference is open!

<https://www.mewea.org/events/spring-conference/>

Note: There will be a vote on proposed By-Law changes. If you did not receive the notification that went out on 3/7, please see the website for a copy, or contact me directly for a hard copy.

Mark your calendars! The Brunswick Sewer District is holding an Open House.



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Stay warm, winter isn't over just yet!

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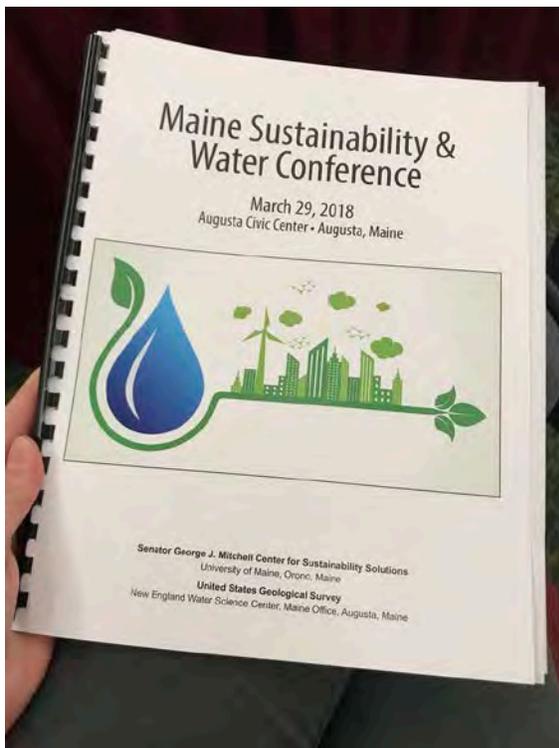
President's Message

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Dear MEWEA members,

I think spring is finally here (though I was told it was snowing in Portland on Sunday?!). March absolutely flew by, and I am gearing up for a very busy April.

On Thursday, 3/29, I chaired session 2B – “One Water” at the Maine Sustainability and Water Conference. Mac Richardson gave an overview of wastewater treatment and Zach Henderson (pictured below) and Fred Dillon discussed integrating stormwater and wastewater planning. I love this conference because it's just a little outside of our typical sphere, so we're not “preaching to the choir”. The presentations were well attended and we had the opportunity to answer questions and connect with students and folks in academia who sometimes have limited knowledge about our industry or water treatment/protection in general.



This Friday I am heading to Dover, NH to check out the Operations Challenge Training day. Operations Challenge is essentially the Olympics for water professionals. Teams of 4 members compete (regionally and possibly nationally) in 5 separate events: operations, maintenance, laboratory, safety, and collection systems. We have some new members on our team 'Force Maine' and it will be nice to speak with them and support their efforts in this very fun and rewarding team competition.

I am very much looking forward to the Spring Conference next week. In addition to a really great session line-up (did you see there's a microbrewery panel discussion?!), we will have this year's student submissions for the Clean Water Week poster contest to view and vote on. I am always amazed by both the number of submissions and the artistic talent. At the business luncheon, the award recipients from the NEWEA annual conference will be re-presented their award and we will be voting on by-law changes. I hope to see many of you there.

The Conference is next Friday April, 13.

The pre-registration deadline is April, 5. Sign up today:

<https://www.mewea.org/events/spring-conference/>

On April 17th I will set out for Washington D.C. to participate in the National Water Policy Fly-In (<https://www.waterweek.us/nwpcf/>). Stacy Thompson (MEWEA VP), Mac Richardson (NEWEA State Director) and Shiloh LaFreniere (Town Manager, Jay) will accompany me. At this event, water professionals from each state meet with their elected representatives to remind them about the very real need for infrastructure funding in our industry. Showing up, reminding them who we are, and being present for a discussion, is key in advancing water priorities. It is truly my pleasure to attend on behalf of MEWEA.

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Dear MEWEA members,

Operations Challenge Training day was held on April 6. Thank you to Ray Vermette and his staff at the Dover, NH Wastewater Treatment Facility for hosting and to everyone who participated in the demonstrations. 4 of the 5 events (operations, laboratory, safety, and collection systems) were demonstrated and it was a great learning opportunity for those who are already on a team and those who are interested in being on a team.



The MEWEA Spring Conference was held on Friday, April 13 at the Four Points Sheraton in Bangor. I would like to thank all of the presenters, and a special thanks to Andy Rudzinski who gave a tour of Bangor's Kenduskeag Pump Station. The feedback I received about the sessions was very positive and I know that is because of the wealth of knowledge we have and are willing to share with one another. We truly excel when we work together. The presentations will be posted on the MEWEA website this week and can be accessed via the members section: <https://www.mewea.org/members/convention-and-conference-presentations/>.

At the business meeting the proposed by-law changes were voted on and approved. This means we can move forward with finalizing the revisions to the Association's administrative guide. I will let folks know when it is ready.

Thank you to NEWEA President-Elect Ray Vermette for presenting the NEWEA awards as well as Jon Belyea for speaking about the new Water Treatment Technology Program at NMCC (<http://www.nmcc.edu/academics/programs/academic-programs/water-treatment-technology/>).

We also received over 500 poster submissions for the Clean Water Week Poster Contest!



Alex Buechner, Mac Richardson, and Tim Haskell
Reviewing the Clean Water Week Poster Contest entries.



Michael Courtenay discussing "Operator Hacks" at session 7.



Jordan Heath accepting the Asset Management Award for the City of Portland.



Dan Bisson accepting the WEF Service Award

I am headed to Washington D.C. early tomorrow with Stacy Thompson (MEWEA VP), Mac Richardson (NEWEA State Director), Shiloh LaFreniere (Town Manager, Jay) and Allison Fisher (City of Portland and WEF D.C. Fly-In YP Scholarship recipient) for the National Water Policy Fly-In where we will meet with our representatives to discuss the importance of and need for water infrastructure funding.

Don't forget to sign up for the Urban Runoff 5K walk or run. It will be held this Saturday 4/28: <https://urbanrunoff5k.com/>. We've won largest non-profit team for the past four years and we want to keep the title!

Upcoming Events

- April 17-19: National Water Policy Fly-In, Washington D.C.
- April 21: Urban Runoff 5k Portland - Join the MEWEA Team:
- May 18: Executive Committee Meeting, East End Treatment Plant, Portland
- May 18: Southern Maine Children's Water Festival, USM Portland
- May 22: NO COST Resilience Planning and Adaptation Training for Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities– Brewer.
- May 24: NO COST Resilience Planning and Adaptation Training for Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities– Gardiner.
- June 3-6: NEWEA Spring Meeting
- June 15: Executive Committee Meeting
- September 29 – October 3: WEFTEC New Orleans

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any comments or questions.

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President's Message

Week of April 23, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

It's been quite an exciting month! On April 17-18th five MEWEA members went to Washington D.C. to participate in the National Water Policy Fly-In. We met with our representatives to talk about our Association and water quality in Maine. During the meetings we had the opportunity to provide detailed information about the state of water infrastructure in Maine and the financial challenges we face. Shiloh LaFreniere, Jay Town Manager, spoke at the NEWEA luncheon about the specific challenges in Jay. Young Professional Alison Fisher took advantage of the WEF D.C. Fly-In scholarship and was able to join us as well. We left feeling that our story was much better understood than when we arrived.



Alison Fisher (City of Portland) Stacy Thompson (Saco WRRF), Paula Drouin (LAWPCA). Shiloh LaFreniere (Town Manager, Jay), Not pictured: Mac Richardson (LAWPCA)

The Urban Runoff 5k was held at Deering High School on April 28. For the 5th year in a row, MEWEA took home the award for largest non-profit team! A great time was had by all, and the race profits are used to raise awareness of water pollution and support clean water education in greater Portland and Saco areas. Below is a photo of some of the team members (it's more difficult than you think to round up everyone at the same time!). Great job team!



Front Row: Paula Drouin, Jason Raper. Back Row: Mike Guethle, Stacy Thompson, Mac Richardson, Caitlin Taylor, Candi Taylor, Vivian Matkivich, Nate Melanson, Steve Lagasse.

Did you know that MEWEA has a  flickr account that anyone can access?

I am happy to add photos, just let me know!

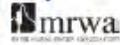
Click here to see what's been posted:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/131647466@N07/>

Great FREE training opportunity, but you must **Register by 5/3**

Clickable link here: <https://www.sciencemissionsupport.com/creatmainereg>.

Resilience Planning and Adaptation Training for Water and Wastewater Utilities



Build Resilience to Extreme Weather Events – Free Training

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Brewer Auditorium, Brewer, Maine

OR

Thursday, May 24, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

EJ Prescott, Gardiner, Maine

Attend a free, hands-on interactive training to learn how to adapt to current and future extreme weather impacts on critical drinking water, wastewater and stormwater assets. The Maine Water Utility Association (MWUA), Maine Water Environment Association (MeWEA), Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee (JETCC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are hosting these trainings on CREAT, a risk assessment application that helps utilities adapt to extreme weather events.

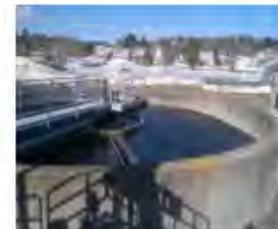
Training Objectives

- Share information about how environmental conditions and extreme weather events (e.g., drought and flooding) could impact drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utilities in the northeastern U.S.
- Introduce EPA's Creating Resilient Water Utilities resources and tools.
- Begin the process of conducting a risk assessment using [CREAT](#).
- Identify and share information on adaptation strategies to build utility long-term resilience.
- Overview of available resources for financing resilience and adaptation.



Who Should Attend?

- Drinking water, wastewater and stormwater utility staff and management involved with planning, operations, sustainability and risk management
- Technical assistance providers
- Local, state, federal and tribal government officials
- Watershed planners
- Water sector associations



6.0 continuing education units (CEUs)/contact hours are available for participation (application pending).

Agenda

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
	Presentation: CREAT Utility Case Study – Scott Firmin/Mike Koza (Portland Water District)
	Presentation: Regional Extreme Weather Projections and Water Sector Impacts – Dr. Robert Marvinney (Maine Geological Survey)
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	CREAT Training
	Group Discussion: Identify and Prioritize Adaptation Strategies

**SPACE IS
LIMITED!**

Register by May 3rd at <https://www.sciencemissionsupport.com/creatmainereg>

More training information is available on the registration site. If you have questions or would like more information, please email Alfredo Lagos (alfredo.lagos@csra.com).

To learn more, visit epa.gov/crwu.

Upcoming Events

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President's Message

Week of May 14, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

I spent last week on vacation, but I thought of you all and the remarkable jobs you do each day ... particularly when being instructed not to drink the tap water or put anything (even toilet paper) down the toilet. Though the weather and scenery were truly paradise, I missed our water and wastewater infrastructure! I was lucky enough to have wi-fi some of the time and tried to stay in touch, though received a few "stop checking your email" messages, so I eventually retreated to the beach with my MEWEA mug.



Our next Executive Committee meeting is this Friday at the East End treatment plant in Portland. As always, I encourage anyone interested in attending to get in touch with me. Afterwards, I plan to scoot over to the Southern Maine Children's Water Festival at USM. There are few things more entertaining than speaking to kids who ask genuine and unfiltered questions about water treatment.



Stacy Thompson explaining water treatment at last year's festival.

Reminder that MEWEA accepts nominations for a number of awards. Many are due in July, so now is a great time to start thinking about someone you know who deserves to be recognized. Check out the website for award descriptions, nomination instructions, and a past recipients list.

Awards page: <https://www.mewea.org/recognition-program/>

Happy Infrastructure Week!

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Maine will use this week to focus on infrastructure investment using various forms of media. You can help by sharing photos and videos of your job sites, people at work, and quotes about the importance of infrastructure to your business and Maine jobs.

Below is a schedule (clickable) of our focus areas for each day. Let's keep our foot on the gas pedal and encourage infrastructure investment while celebrating the work accomplished.

Let's Build! May 14-21

Outreach Guide for Members

#infrastructureweek

#notsharkweekyet

#infrastructureweek #buildmaine #agcmaine #skilledworkers

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Monday, May 14th

Water & Wastewater

AGC Maine will post facts via photos on current and future needs. Help us by posting your w/ww pics, new technology at work, Mainers working in the field. Send us a quote we can use, along with a photo for a press release and promotional material.

Don't forget to tag us on social media @agcmaine and use the following hashtags:

#cleanwaterformaine
#skilledworkers
#buildmaine
#agcmaine

Thursday, May 17th

Energy & Industrial

AGC Maine will post facts via photos & videos on Maine's energy economy. Help us by posting your pics & videos of current and past projects. Send us a quote we can use, along with a photo for press release and promotional material.

Don't forget to tag us on social media @agcmaine and use the following hashtags:

#maineenergyworks
#skilledworkers
#buildmaine
#agcmaine

Tuesday, May 15th

Vertical Construction

AGC Maine will post facts via photos on housing, school construction, retail, and all things related to vertical construction.

Help us by posting your projects in development and highlight those recently completed, don't forget we love to see Mainers working!

Send us a quote we can use, along with a photo for press releases and promotional material. Don't forget to tag us on social media @agcmaine and use the following hashtags:

#jobsformaine
#skilledworkers
#buildmaine
#agcmaine

Friday, May 18th

Site Work

AGC Maine will post facts via photos & videos on site work projects around the state. Help us by posting your pics & videos of current and past projects. Send us a quote we can use, along with a photo for press release and promotional material.

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#sitework
#skilledworkers
#buildmaine
#agcmaine

Wednesday, May 16th

Transportation

AGC Maine will post facts about Maine's transportation infrastructure. Help us by sharing the impact of investment on your business and skilled workers. Share photos and jobs showing the pride of "I built this." Send us a quote we can use, along with a photo for press releases and promotional material. Don't forget to tag us on social media @agcmaine and use the following hashtags:

#transportationmatters
#skilledworkers
#buildmaine
#agcmaine

Weekend May 19-20

Why Infrastructure Matters?

AGC Maine will promote infrastructure investment, job statistics, and share open jobs on the "Who's Hiring" page on our website throughout the weekend.

Have Questions?

Shoot an email to team@agcmaine.org or give us a call 207-622-4741

AGC Maine Media Pages
www.agcmaine.org
Facebook www.facebook.com/agcmaine
Instagram @agcmaine
Twitter @agcmaine
Youtube www.youtube.com/agcmaine

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President's Message

Week of May 21, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

Call to Action

The end of the legislative session resulted in non-action on a number of bills, including infrastructure funding, and it is not currently known whether they will reconvene. My ask of each of you is to **please contact your legislators starting today** (List and contact info available here:

<http://legislature.maine.gov/house/townlist.htm>). The goal is to highlight the issues in your communities and emphasize the need for funding. We do not want to point fingers, so if a conversation comes to that, I suggest simply acknowledging the frustration and the struggle that comes from non-action.

Reminder that MEWEA accepts nominations for a number of awards. Many are due by late June/ very early July, so now is a great time to start thinking about someone you know who deserves to be recognized. We have a number of awards, including a new Stormwater and new Operator award! Check out the website for award descriptions, nomination instructions, and a past recipients list.

MEWEA awards page: <https://www.mewea.org/recognition-program/>

In addition, NEWEA has regional awards/recognitions: <https://www.newea.org/about-us/awards/> -and -

WEF has national awards/recognitions: <https://wef.org/awards/>

After the executive committee meeting on Friday I stopped by the Southern Maine Children's Water Festival at USM in Portland. Once again, Stacy Thompson stepped up and spent the day talking to kids about wastewater treatment. I helped her for the last couple hours and received some interesting questions such as "Is that real? How did you find it? What's its name?" (about a rotifer) and "did you see my fish? (sadly, it had been flushed). I asked each group if they knew where water from their home goes after it goes down the drain. Several kids answered "the sewage treatment plant" (yes!), but most answered "the ocean". They all understood that sending untreated wastewater to the ocean is a form of pollution and I was impressed by how many of them were receptive to an explanation of wastewater treatment. Hearing a number of "that's pretty cool" comments made it all worth it. And, they were all familiar with the natural water cycle... so, nice job, educators!



Upcoming Events

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President's Message

Week of June 4, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

More than 100 organizations showed up for the Press Conference held on 6/6 at the State House. Thank you to those who showed up and/or reached out to your representatives. The best chance to succeed is when we work together. Our own Past President Matt Timberlake is in the photo and the news story that can be found here: <http://www.wabi.tv/content/news/Maine-organizations-urge-state-lawmakers-to-return-for-a-special-session-484620071.html>.

We will continue to track what is happening in Augusta.



I had the pleasure of attending the NEWEA Spring meeting in Rhode Island at the beginning of this week. I want to congratulate all regional Operation Challenge teams and wish them luck at WEFTEC this fall. Pictured below is Force Maine (in the Maine shirts) and support crew.



(left to right: Dan LaFlamme, Alex King, Nate Melanson, Shelby Carver, Phyllis Rand, Jim Galasyn, Paula Drouin, Vivian Matkivich, Travis Peaslee, Alex Buechner, Riley Cobb, Mike Harris, Andre Brousseau)



Congratulations to the Portland Water District! They held a ribbon cutting at the East End Wastewater Treatment Facility to celebrate the completion of the \$12 million upgrade to the plant. Both DEP Commissioner Mercer and Efficiency Maine's Peter Eglinton were there to applaud the project.





Reminder that MEWEA accepts nominations for a number of awards. There are many people in our Association who deserve recognition, so please take a moment to nominate one or a few! Nominations by Thursday 6/14 are ideal, so we can discuss them at the Executive Committee meeting on 6/15; however, some deadlines are officially set in early July.

MEWEA awards page: <https://www.mewea.org/recognition-program/>

I am gearing up for a busy week next week. I will be one of the presenters at a JETCC lab training course in South Paris on Wednesday. Thursday is the Open House (open to all) at the Brunswick Sewer District (10 Pine Tree Rd.) from 2-5. It's advertised on their event page as "Tours, Light Snacks, Prizes, Giveaways and Tons of Fun!", so I'll be there! Well, for those reasons but also because we will be celebrating the Clean Water Week Poster Contest winners. I'm really looking forward to meeting the winners and seeing their artwork. Lastly, our June Executive Committee meeting is Friday 6/15 at 9 A.M. at Maine Municipal in Augusta. Please let me know if you have anything you would like me to discuss, or if you would like to attend.

Check out this short video put together by students at Saint Michael's College <https://www.flushed-out.com/>. Thanks to Bob Fisher at Green Mountain Water Environment Association for being a resource to the students.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any comments or questions.

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Upcoming Events

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President's Message

Week of June 11, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

This Thursday, 6/21, the MEWEA and NEWEA Young Professionals committees will be having a Poo & Brew located in Portland at the East End Wastewater Treatment Facility & Rising Tide Brewery. The tour of the facility will take place at 3:30 PM for approximately 90 minutes, and then attendees will walk over to Rising Tide Brewery in Portland for a beer tasting and networking session.

Register here: <https://www.newea.org/events/specialty-seminars-events/poo-and-brew-networking/>

Last Wednesday, I participated in a JETCC training at the Paris Fire Station along with Rebecca Labranche, Lab Director at A&L Laboratory and Christine Blais, Assistant Lab Certification Officer for the Maine Drinking Water Program. We spoke to ~20 attendees about lab ethics, lab hygiene, glassware, quality assurance/control, and even had a hands-on BOD training. If you didn't get a chance to attend, but have any laboratory issues or questions, let me know!

Thursday was Open House day at the Brunswick Sewer District. The weather was a little overcast and rainy, but the turnout was great. From grease removal to trickling filters, the visitors enjoyed learning about and seeing the water treatment process.



We used the Open House as a celebration for our Clean Water Week poster contest winners. We received nearly 600 poster submissions this year! Thank you to Alex Buechner for coordinating the contest this year. (L:R, Skye Loring-Dymond, grade 3, Hunter Roberts, grade 3, Chayse Howarth, grade 8, Jaelin Roberts, grade 10).



Are you interested in becoming involved with MEWEA?

We have a number of committees doing great work, and we would love to have you join as a committee member. A list of committees can be found here: <https://www.mewea.org/committees-2/executive-board/> We also have committee chair positions open for the following committees: Public Relations and Awards. I am happy to answer any questions about involvement with MEWEA.

Our 2018 Administrative Guide is now available!

<https://www.mewea.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/MeWEA-2018-ADMIN-GUIDE-FINAL.pdf>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any comments or questions.

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Upcoming Events

- June 21: YP Poo & Brew WWTP Tour and Brewery Networking Session. Portland, ME: <https://www.newea.org/events/specialty-seminars-events/poo-and-brew-networking/>
- August 2: Paddle After Hours. Auburn, ME: <https://androscogginlandtrust.org/event/paddle-hours-lewistonauburn/>
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President's Message

Week of June 25, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

Great News!

LD1510 'An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects' was signed by the Governor yesterday in the amount of \$30 million dollars. This means the bond issue will go before the voters in November. A strong collaborative effort by multiple associations and organizations was developed and our message was heard. A special thank you to Matt Marks at Associated General Contractors of Maine for spearheading the effort, and our very own Matt Timberlake, Tim Haskell, and everyone else who took part, whether in a large or small way. If passed, the bond will provide much needed funds for critical water infrastructure projects.



Photo credit: @agcmaine on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/agcmaine>

Hiring at Your Facility?

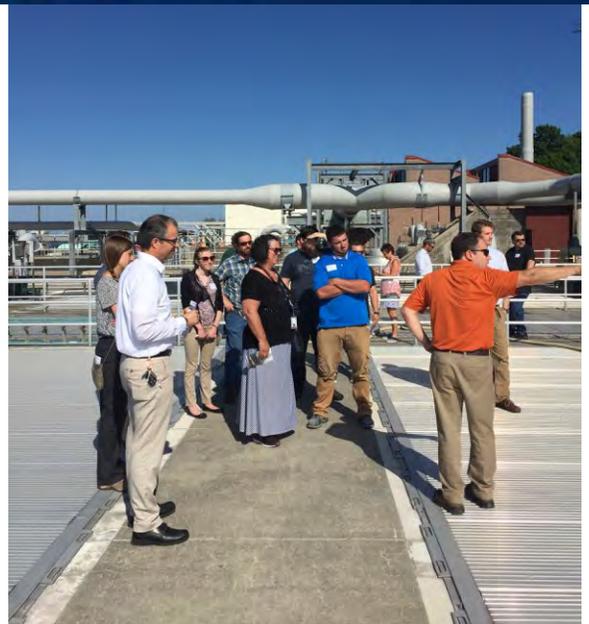
Did you know that MEWEA has a career opportunities page where open positions can be posted? Each time a new position is posted, a notification is also sent out to MEWEA's followers on social media. And, our career opportunities web link will soon be shared on Maine Municipal Association's website as part of their Hometown Careers campaign. Don't pass up the opportunity to advertise your open positions for free!

Email all current career opportunities to me: pdrouin@lawpca.org

Poo and Brew Networking Event

This unique networking event, offered by NEWEA's Young Professionals Committee, provides an opportunity for young consulting engineers, operators and other industry professionals to get together for a bit of poo (tour a wastewater facility), followed by brews (tour a local microbrewery). On 6/21, the event was in Maine and the MEWEA YP's helped to coordinate the event at East End Treatment Plant and Rising Tide brewery in Portland..

Photo: Scott Firmin pointing at the primary clarifiers and explaining upcoming plant maintenance projects.



MS4 Needs Survey



Reminder that the Water Environment Federation (WEF) Stormwater Institute still needs your help to identify the information and resources you need to run an effective and efficient MS4 stormwater program. By completing this short survey, you will also help WEF and the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) support the establishment of a national-level report card for the stormwater sector in the American Society of Civil Engineers Infrastructure Report Card Program.

The Survey should be completed by the NPDES MS4 program manager or official designee of the program. The survey should take you no more than 15 minutes, and note that participant names and answers will be held in strict confidence.

Click here to get started: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4254178/Stormwater-Sector-Needs-Survey>

Please send any questions or comments you have regarding this survey to Seth Brown, WEF Stormwater Programs Director, at stormwater@wef.org.

Note: images in this message are clickable links.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any comments or questions.

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President's Message

Week of July 9, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

I hope you all had a fun and safe 4th of July holiday. I can't believe July is already half way over!

This week I visited Shelby Carver (pictured) in Kennebunk to review laboratory procedures. Shelby is a former intern at LAWPCA, completed her College of the Atlantic senior project at the Bar Harbor Sewer District, and is now an operator and a member of the Operations Challenge team (she's a rising star, watch out for her!). I was able to answer her lab questions and give advice. This, along with my

offer to be a point of contact in the future, will hopefully help her as she continues to learn and work in the lab. MEWEA is currently working with the DEP to develop a program where operators could receive in-house training that would be eligible for training credit hours (TCH's). We believe that hands-on training is an essential part of learning (and continued learning) for all water professionals. Our association is blessed with dedicated members who have a wealth of knowledge to share. And while not all of them want to stand behind a podium and deliver a presentation, they would make excellent teachers at the facility level assisting with hands-on training. We truly succeed when we work together and I am excited about the development of this program. I will be sure to provide updates on program development.



I also want to take this opportunity to pass on the following message I received today. (I have not reviewed it entirely yet, but MEWEA's lab committee will be discussing soon. Do not hesitate to send me questions or comments).

Maine CDC Rulemaking

This message provides notice of rulemaking by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Rule; 10-144 CMR, Ch.263 (jointly with DEP; 06-096, Ch.263) .

You can access the complete rule and related rulemaking documents by going to the [Maine CDC Rules webpage](#). During the comment period, please submit written comments to the agency contact person identified below for this filing. Interested parties may request a paper copy of this proposed rule by calling (207) 287-9394 or Maine Relay number 711.

Additional information regarding the rulemaking process and weekly rulemaking updates can be found on the [Secretary of State website](#).

Notice of Agency Rulemaking

AGENCY: 10-144 - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and 06-096 - Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Ch. 263; Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Rule;

BRIEF SUMMARY: The proposed Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Rule repeals and replaces Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Certification Rules. This proposed rule contains quality guidelines for laboratory data received by the DHHS and the DEP to help ensure that laboratories analyzing samples for the following regulations: Safe Drinking Water Act; Clean Water Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program, for compliance purposes, produce legally defensible data by meeting quality control and quality assurance objectives. This rule proposes an all-encompassing quality systems section for easy reference and includes the following: 1) references to the most recently updated 40 CFR, as applicable to the methods test categories specified; 2) "provisional status" as an additional accreditation option; and 3) reporting requirements for Maine laboratories when samples are not analyzed according to accredited methods, including those for private well samples. Proposed changes amend definitions and replace the term "certification" with "accreditation" to keep consistent nomenclature with national and international standards. Additionally, the proposed rule corrects grammatical inconsistencies, formally establishes an adjusted fee structure, and presents a new construction and format for improved clarity and conformity to standard conventions.

Date, time and location of PUBLIC HEARING (if any): 1 p.m. - July 30, 2018, 286 Water Street (Key Plaza - Room 16), Augusta, Maine 04330

Any person who requires special accommodations to participate in the public hearing is asked to notify the contact person named below at least 7 days prior to the scheduled hearing.

COMMENT DEADLINE: August 9, 2018

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING (name, mailing address, telephone, fax, TTY, e-mail):

DHHS: Bridget Bagley, 286 Water Street, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-9394. Fax: (207) 287-5807. TTY: 711. Email: Bridget.Bagley@Maine.gov .

DEP: Tom Graham, 28 Tyson Drive, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-7598. Fax: (207) 287-2814. TTY: 711. Email: Tom.Graham@Maine.gov .

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President's Message

Week of July 23, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

It saddens me to inform you all that Jerome “Frenchie” Guevremont recently passed away. He was a beloved member of the water environment community in Maine and he will be deeply missed.

Frenchie became a licensed wastewater treatment plant operator in 1975. He settled in Rangeley and became the first supervisor of Rangeley's new wastewater treatment facility, where he was the superintendent until he retired in 2014. He was instrumental in promoting the legislation that created JETCC back in the early 1980's. Throughout his career, Frenchie continued to demonstrate support of operator training in the state of Maine and was consistently active in MEWEA (then Maine Wastewater Control Association).



In 2006, JETCC first awarded the Founders Award, which is named in honor of Frenchie. The award recognizes him for his guidance to Maine's environmental community, for his years of service to the Town of Rangeley Maine, and for his contributions as one of the original founders who established JETCC. An excerpt in the award description states “As a wastewater professional, and a protector of Maine's waters, Frenchie tirelessly shared his expertise to promote our profession, to educate the general public, to cultivate new wastewater operators and to advance the education and training opportunities for water pollution control professionals in the State of Maine.”

Frenchie's family is planning a celebration of life to be held this fall for both him and his predeceased wife, Eleanor. I will relay details as soon as I have them.

His obituary can be accessed here: <http://www.dailybulldog.com/db/obituaries/jerome-frenchie-guevremont-1940-2018/>

Paddle After Hours

Please join us August 2 behind Festival Plaza in Auburn for Androscoggin Land Trust's Paddle After Hours event. Paddlers will leave the boat launch at 5:30 p.m. for a guided tour, exploring the Androscoggin river, hearing about local history, gazing up at the cities on either side and into the historic canals, and paddling to the confluence with the Little Androscoggin River, before regrouping at Gritty's for refreshments and conversation.



Email our YP chair, Jordan Heath (jheath@portlandmaine.gov), if you plan to attend. Also, if you will need a kayak or canoe rental (paid for by MEWEA), let him know **asap!** I hope to see many of you there!

August Meeting

Reminder that our August 17th Board meeting will be held at the River Driver's Restaurant in Millinocket. I have reached out to facilities that are within 1.5 hours of Millinocket in hopes that we can re-connect with some members we haven't seen in a while, or maybe some we haven't seen ever! Please let me know if you would like to attend (even if you did not receive an email from me), we would love to see you!

Brief Agenda

8:00 am: coffee/pastries

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1:15 pm (optional): Tour of the Millinocket Wastewater Treatment Plant (Thank you, Jim Charette!)

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Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events

- August 2: Paddle After Hours. Auburn, ME: <https://androscogginlandtrust.org/event/paddle-hours-lewistonauburn/>
- August 17: Executive Committee Meeting - Millinocket
- September 19: MEWEA Annual Golf Tournament
- September 20-21: MEWEA Fall Convention, Sunday River
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President's Message

Week of July 30, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

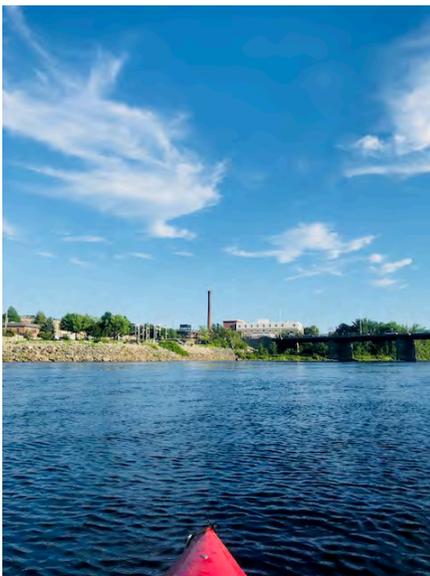
More sad news this week, June Mooney has passed away. June worked for the Greater Augusta Utility District for nearly 30 years before retiring last summer. She was active in MEWEA, where she served as laboratory committee chair for many years. She was also active in Maine Water Utilities Association. She was a true water warrior and will be deeply missed.

Her obituary can be accessed here:

<https://www.staplesfuneralhome.com/notices/June-Mooney>



Paddle After Hours



The MEWEA Young Professionals once again led efforts to participate in the Androscoggin Land Trust's Paddle After Hours on Thursday 8/2 in Auburn. Attendees learned a little about the history of the river and the canals while getting gorgeous views of the twin cities. This paddling event is also a leg of the Androscoggin River Watershed Council's Source to Sea Trek, which over the course of a month, covers the River from Magalloway to Merrymeeting Bay. Afterwards, we all met at Gritty's for some food and conversation.



MEWEA Paddle After Hours Crew

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- November 16 – MEWEA EC meeting – MMA, Augusta
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President's Message

Week of August 13, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

We are gearing up for our annual Fall Convention which will be held September 19-21st at Sunday River in Newry. This is a great networking and training opportunity and I hope to see many of you there.

Pre-registration rates available until 9/5.



Click [here](#) to view the program agenda and to register.

Moving later into the fall, I am excited about the two events we have coming up in October because they both involve interacting with the public, specifically with kids (our future water warriors). The Northern Maine Children's Water Festival is on October 9th, in Orono (<https://umaine.edu/mitchellcenter/childrens-water-festival/>). MEWEA is a sponsor of this event and we have the opportunity to be there to interact with students. I am currently looking for volunteers who would be available to staff an activities booth. **Please contact me if you are interested in helping.**

October 10th is Imagine a Day Without Water (<http://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>). MEWEA will be hosting an event at the Brunswick Sewer District (see the attached flyer). We are inviting local schools to bring students (feel free to reach out to schools in your community). We'll have several activities for kids to do, but welcome more ideas and more volunteers! This is our first year participating, and we hope for a great turnout and to grow the event and hold it at a different location each year.

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President's Message

Week of September 3, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

I hope you all had a fun and safe holiday weekend. Things have been relatively quiet recently, but I did want to reach out and make you aware of a couple things.

Last month MEWEA provided written comment for the proposed changes to Chapter 263, Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Rule. In short, we asked that *Enterococcus* be added to the list of tests POTW's are allowed to test for in-house without being certified (i.e. accredited). I've heard that DEP is working on getting a new exemption into law for this, but it will likely not be approved until September 2019. They will not begin to put *Enterococcus* testing into permits until this approval goes through.

MaineDOT Proposed Rulemaking

I also want to make you are aware of the proposed changes to Chapter 210 "Utility Accommodation Rules". Follow [this link](#) to access and review the proposed changes. If these revisions will affect you and you would like MEWEA to draft a comment letter, please reach out to me. The comment deadline is September 28, so please contact me by the September 26 by noon.

Reminder: Pre-registration for the Fall Convention ends TOMORROW September 5, so be sure to sign up if you plan to be there. This year's convention will be held September 19-21st at Sunday River in Newry. This is a great networking and training opportunity and I hope to see many of you there Click [here](#) to view the program agenda and to register.

I am still looking for volunteers for two October events: The Northern Maine Children's Water Festival on October 9th in Orono (<https://umaine.edu/mitchellcenter/childrens-water-festival/>) and Imagine a Day Without Water on October 10th in Brunswick (<http://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>). Both are great events that give us the opportunity to connect with children and their teachers/parents.

If there is ever anything you would like me to include in these messages, please let me know!

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President's Message

Week of September 10, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

It's almost time to head to the polls and I want to remind you that there are four bond questions. (Questions 2,3,4,5). Fortunately, the water bond is the first one, Question 2. In addition to getting out and voting yourself, please try to have conversations about it and explain why this funding is needed and what it means for clean water in Maine.



**VOTE
YES**

Maine Question 2, Wastewater Infrastructure Bond Issue

“Do you favor a \$30,000,000 bond issue to improve water quality, support the planning and construction of wastewater treatment facilities and assist homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems?”

PFAS in the News

New Jersey has become the first state to regulate its drinking water for PFAS.

See the article here:

[The Chemical Found in Drinking Water That New Jersey \(and No Other State\) Now Regulates](#)



Funeral Service Announcement

A combined graveside service
for Jerome "Frenchie"
Guevremont and his wife
Eleanor will be held on
October 14 at 1:00 p.m. at
Evergreen Cemetery in
Rangeley.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and get to enjoy what might be the last of the 80-degree weather. I look forward to seeing many of you next week at the MEWEA Annual Fall Convention!

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President's Message

October 19, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

November is approaching quickly and some people are getting their absentee ballots in, so the time to give the Bond Question a last push is NOW! Please vote, and talk to friends and family about voting YES on Question 2.



Maine Question 2, Wastewater Infrastructure Bond Issue

The next two pages contain information and talking points from the Maine DEP

We are always looking for newsletter articles! We want to know what is happening in your workplace or city/town. The deadline for the last 2018 newsletter is November 2. Email Bryanna Denis with your article submissions: bryanna.denis@wright-pierce.com

It's never too early to start thinking about award nominations. We know there are many hard-working professionals in our industry who deserve recognition, but we need your help in identifying them! A list of our awards can be found here: <https://www.mewea.org/recognition-program/>. Online submissions are currently available for some awards, and we are working on having it available for all awards. So, it's never been easier to nominate someone! In addition to awards, we have a Higher Education Sponsorship as well as a University Attendee Sponsorship available to interns and college students.

2018 Maine Water Quality Bond

Question 2: Bond Issue (Public Law 425)
 Do you favor a \$30,000,000 bond issue to improve water quality, support the planning and construction of wastewater treatment facilities and assist homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems?



- If approved, this \$30,000,000 bond will fund three wastewater infrastructure /water quality grant programs at DEP that provide grants to upgrade municipal/ quasi-municipal wastewater infrastructure (treatment plants, pump stations, sewer systems), remove overboard discharges and repair/replace malfunctioning septic systems that impact surface water.
- There are approximately **\$1 billion of known needs** to upgrade Maine's wastewater infrastructure.
- All three programs create jobs, improve water quality, and protect and/or open shellfish areas.
- These bond funds will be combined with other federal and state funds to facilitate important wastewater infrastructure projects. An estimate of the leveraging potential is 150% or more, resulting in approximately \$71,475,000 of wastewater infrastructure projects.
- Although bonds for these programs were approved from 1992 through 2010, there have been none since 2010.

Program	Bond Amount	Purpose / Benefits
Municipal Wastewater Infrastructure Grants	\$27,650,000	Municipal and quasi-municipal wastewater infrastructure projects including combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement.
Small Community Grant Program	\$2,000,000	Repair or replacement of failed septic systems impacting surface water.
Overboard Discharge Removal Grant Program	\$350,000	Removal of commercial and residential overboard discharges (OBDs) with goal to open shellfish areas.
TOTAL	\$30,000,000	



Jobs

It is estimated that 540 jobs (such as construction and engineering related jobs) will be created or sustained from the bond funds and 1,287 total jobs will be created or sustained from the combined bond and leveraged state and federal funds.¹

Shellfish harvesting jobs: In addition to the jobs noted above, abating combined sewer overflows, removing overboard discharges, and repairing/replacing malfunctioning septic systems all have the potential to open closed shellfish areas so they can be harvested.

Water Quality

Maintenance and upgrading of this “invisible”, yet essential, infrastructure is **critical to protect public health, to protect water quality, and support economic growth.**

The Maine Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) **rated Maine with a grade of D+** for Municipal Wastewater Infrastructure. The lack of funding for infrastructure investment and proper maintenance adversely affects Maine’s ability to protect water quality and public health.²

Potential Projects

There are approximately \$1 billion of known needs to upgrade Maine’s municipal wastewater infrastructure. Wastewater infrastructure (wastewater treatment facilities, pump stations, and sewer systems) is typically the highest value asset a community owns and in some circumstances, cannot be affordably sustained solely through local rate payers. Based on current known needs there are numerous projects that are good potential candidates for grant funding.

DEP will solicit detailed project requests to determine how the grants will be awarded. Project requests will be evaluated using longstanding DEP criteria including economic need, shellfish area protection and improvement, abatement of combined sewer overflows, water quality improvement, regionalization, and leveraging bond funds with other state and federal funding sources.



¹“How Infrastructure Investments Support the U.S. Economy: Employment, Productivity and Growth” Political Economy Research Institute, January 2009, p. 25. Table 3.1 estimates 18 jobs created per \$1 million infrastructure investment.

²<http://maineasce.org/2016ReportCard.htm>

MEWEA is taking a larger role and working to grow the Maine Water Utilities Association Annual Conference instead of holding a separate spring conference. We will be hosting 10 sessions (5 each day). Please submit session ideas by November 2 (see below):

CALL FOR PAPERS

Maine Water Utilities Association 93rd Annual Conference

Co-Sponsored by Maine Water Environment Association and Maine Rural Water Association

Holiday Inn by the Bay

Portland Maine

February 5th & 6th, 2019

Theme: Innovation and Technology

Maine Water Utilities Association/Maine Water Environment Association and Maine Rural Water Association is issuing a call for technical papers for our 93rd annual conference. We are asking that submitted papers be focused on innovation and technology for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater. Submittals that will be considered may cover distribution and collection, treatment, pumping, asset management, GIS, SCADA, regulatory and legislative updates, public and media relations and training, modeling, billing, water conservation, reuse, benchmarking, billing, human resources, succession planning, leadership, use of artificial intelligence, automatic meter intelligence, erosion control, green infrastructure, energy conservation, cybersecurity, emergency preparedness, dramatic weather events and subjects related to our ever evolving profession that promotes innovation.

All submitted papers must be submitted by no later than close of business on November 2nd, 2018. **You may submit your paper by:**

- **email to:** Info@mwua.org
- **via fax:** 207-623- 9522 or
- **By the USPS. Please address: 2019 Annual Conference White Paper, C/O Maine Water Utilities Association 150 Capitol Street Suite 5 Augusta, Maine 04330.**

After review, all selected papers and presenters will be notified via email or phone call of their selection. You will be given the date of your scheduled presentation along with time and session number.

We ask that all papers submitted be presented within a one-hour presentation. Exceptions will be considered for lengthier classes depending on relevancy and subject matter. The acceptance of classes exceeding one hour will be determined by a group of representatives of the three associations. . No approved offering will exceed 3 hours in length.

Thank you for your interest in our jointly sponsored conference. We anticipate an increase over last year's attendance. Last year we had over 70 vendors and 600 utilities and consultants that attended our conference. We look forward to your submittals.

I would like to pass along the following notification from the New England Water Works Association regarding the passing of their Executive Director, Steve Ryan.

To our members and supporters:

It is with overwhelming sadness that we announce the passing of our Executive Director, Steve Ryan, on the evening of October 10, 2018, due to complications from cancer. He was 54 years old.

Steve leaves behind his wife, Jenn, and two young children, Katie (11) and Connor (4) as well as his parents and three sisters.



How You Can Help - GoFundMe

On behalf of the New England-wide water community, NEWWA has set up a GoFundMe to establish an education fund for Steve's children. We ask that you and/or your organization, if willing and able, make a donation here: <https://www.gofundme.com/ryan-family-fund>

Services Information

Visitation will be held Sunday October 14 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home, [455 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021](https://www.dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com).
www.dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com.

Funeral Services will be held Monday October 15 at 10:00 AM at St. Gerard Majella Roman Catholic Church, [1860 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021](https://www.saintgerard.org). www.saintgerard.org.

Our business office will be closed on Monday, October 15, so that all staff are able to attend the services. Training programs will continue as scheduled.

NEWWA asks for your patience during this difficult time as we work to reorganize the office hile ensuring we continue to serve all of you in the capacity you have come to know and expect.

With heavy hearts,

Claire, Don, Jacqui, Jeanne, Katelyn, Kirsten, Linda, Lisa, Mary, Nelson, Pam, and Paul



New England Water Works Association
[125 Hopping Brook Road](https://www.newenglandwaterworks.org)
[Holliston, MA 01746](https://www.newenglandwaterworks.org)
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President's Message

November 1, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

I hope you all had a fun and safe Halloween and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. We're less than a week from election day, so I would like to ask one more time that you encourage friends and family to support Question 2.



Maine Question 2, Wastewater Infrastructure Bond Issue

Session Ideas and/or Presenters Wanted!

Do you have a project that you'd like to share? Recent plant upgrade? Solved that pesky operational challenge? Started a new program at work to increase performance or efficiency? MEWEA members want to hear about it.

If you have an idea or would like to present, let us know. We are currently seeking presentations for the MEWEA/MWUA Joint Show (February 5th & 6th at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland) and for the North Country Convention (April 24th and 25th at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle).

Don't be shy. Presenting is not easy, but talking about something you really care about and know might be less challenging than you think. As the MEWEA Personnel Advancement Committee, we want you to share your story and will help you through the process of presenting.

Please share any ideas with Scott Firmin at sfirmin@pwd.org or 207 774-5961 and we'll help you through the process.

Thanks in advance,
Scott Firmin
Chair - MEWEA Personal Advancement Committee

Join the MEWEA team at the Urban Runoff 5k Walk and Run!

Every year, MEWEA has a strong presence at the Urban Runoff 5k. Whether you want to walk, run, or just come hang out, it's a great time. The Green Neighbor Family Festival following the race is an opportunity to interact with a number of environmentally-focused groups. This event is very kid friendly as well. Please [Click below](#) to register today to get the best price (and make sure you select "Join a Team")



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President's Message

November 9, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

THANK YOU to everyone who got out there and voted! Question 2 passed, which will provide much needed funds for water infrastructure repairs and upgrades. At MEWEA's next Executive Committee meeting we will be discussing and approving our 2019 budget. Any member is welcome to join and learn more about the activities and work being done within our association. Contact me if you would like to attend.

Question from a Member

What is everyone doing to dispose of grit and grease? For years BSD has had an agreement with the town of Brunswick to dispose of grit and grease from our headworks and pump stations at the municipal landfill. That landfill is scheduled to close in the next couple of years and we are looking for a new solution.

Email responses to Rob Pontau: rpontau@brunswicksewer.org



I am happy to share questions from members, but I also want to remind you to join (if you haven't already) the

Maine Water Professionals Discussion Forum.

This is a great place to connect with others in the field and get answers to your questions. The more people who join, the better of a resource it will be.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/778718278939822/>

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President's Message

December 7, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

I hope you are all having a happy and healthy holiday season.

Next Friday, December 14, will be our final Executive Committee meeting of the year. We will, hopefully, be approving the 2019 budget and finalizing the first draft of the 2019 schedule of events. There are a lot of fun events coming up, so be sure to watch for the full event schedule so you can mark your calendars and join us!



Our annual family skate night is coming up on January, Jan 18th at 5:00pm at Thompsons Point. Contact Jordan Heath if you are interested in attending. (jheath@portlandmaine.gov)

On February 5-6 MEWEA and the Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) is holding a joint Conference at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Our Personnel Advancement Committee is still looking for three or four more sessions. If you have an idea that you would like to submit for consideration, please email Scott Firmin (sfirmin@pwd.org).

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President's Message

December 28, 2018

Dear MEWEA members,

Just like that, my year of serving as MEWEA President has come to an end. It has truly been my pleasure and I appreciate being given the opportunity. I look forward to remaining active in the Association and working with many of you. Stacy Thompson from the Saco Water Resource Recovery Department will be our 2019 President and I know she will do a fantastic job.



Mac Richardson is planning to participate in the New Year's Day Lobster Dip to benefit Special Olympics Maine. If you are interested in joining (you do not need to paint your body green 😊) or donating, you can do so here: <https://www.somaine.org/support/lobster-dip/>. You can also contact Mac: mrichardson@lawpca.org



Moderators needed

MWUA/MEWEA/MRWA February Trade Show

We are looking for moderators to help with the upcoming February Trade Show in Portland on February 5th and 6th. If you are interested in helping out, you would assist at one of our 1-hour technical sessions.

Please respond to Scott Firmin, PAC Co-Chair, at sfirmin@pwd.org.

Scholarship Available for YP Summit

The NEWEA Young Professional Summit will be on Sunday, January 27. MEWEA's Young Professional Committee is sponsoring registration of up to 5 attendees. Please contact Jordan Heath (jheath@portlandmaine.gov) if interested.

Happy Holidays. See you next year!

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