

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

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S.P. 545 - L.D. 1483

**An Act To Implement the Solid Waste Management Hierarchy**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 243, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Licenses.** The department shall issue a license for a waste facility whenever it finds that:

A. The facility will not pollute any water of the State, contaminate the ambient air, constitute a hazard to health or welfare or create a nuisance;

B. In the case of a disposal facility, the facility provides a substantial public benefit, determined in accordance with subsection 3-A; ~~and~~

C. In the case of a disposal facility or a solid waste processing facility that generates residue requiring disposal, the volume of the waste and the risks related to its handling and disposal have been reduced to the maximum practical extent by recycling and source reduction prior to disposal. This paragraph does not apply to the expansion of a commercial solid waste disposal facility that accepts only special waste for landfilling or to any other facility exempt from the requirements of subsection 5-A. The department shall find that the provisions of this paragraph are satisfied when the applicant demonstrates that the applicable requirements of subsection 5-A have been satisfied; and

D. The practices of the facility are consistent with the State's solid waste management hierarchy set forth in section 2101. The department shall adopt rules incorporating the State's solid waste management hierarchy as a review criterion for licensing approval under this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.