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I've been working for the past 8 years with a longer career ahead of me as a wastewater engineer in the State of Maine. The nature of our wastewater systems necessitates that they be located in low lying and locations vulnerable to climate impacts. Our communities continue to be damaged by stronger storms and have needed to repair or replace electrical panels, raise structures above rising flood elevation, install generators for longer power outages, and install flood resistant barriers on low lying treatment systems. Expensive upgrades are necessary to keep sewage from entering our lakes, rivers and oceans. This cost is coming to our community one way or another and holding the businesses that have contributed to climate change responsible is imperative to effective emergency repairs and long term defenses against climate damage.