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Protecting Maine's Air, Land and Water

Maine's Forests

- Most heavily forested state in the nation
90% of land base (17 million acres)
- Wood uses: pulp, paper, tissue, lumber, energy/electricity generation, flooring, siding, OSB, LSL, consumer goods, wood pellets, and cord wood
- Primary species used: spruce, fir, hemlock, cedar, white and red pine, maple, birch, oak, beech, ash, and aspen



Critically Important Roles for Maine's Forests

- Air
- Wildlife habitat
- Clean watersheds and drinking water
- Wood products
- Jobs
- Carbon sink
- Energy production
- Recreation and tourism



Air Permitting Challenges

- VOC emissions from drying/processing wood
- NOx emissions from energy production
- Complex NSR/PSD regulations
- Ozone Transport Region Requirements
 - LAER as opposed to BACT
 - Offsets
- Federal Land Manager involvement
- Maine has been designated in attainment with ozone standards since 2007



Results of Air Permitting Challenges

- Uncertainty of control requirements
- Additional capital and operating costs associated with LAER level controls
- Uncertainty of availability of offsets
- Additional project costs associated with offsets
- Hampering new and existing businesses



What is Maine doing?

- Developed “Maine’s Ozone Success Story”
 - Aka a CAA §176A(a)(2) Ozone Transport Region Petition
 - Public hearing held on July 30, 2018
 - Submitted petition to EPA on August 27, 2018
- Working with trade associations and facilities for greater awareness of regulatory triggers and proactive actions to address them





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