

# EnviroWorkshops

## Maine Remediation Overview 2018

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# Recent Remediation Successes in Maine?

- Re-Definition of Remedial Objectives
- Alternative techniques being considered
- Stopping Pump & Treatment of groundwater
- Technical Impracticability of achieving drinking water standards
- Groundwater Monitoring: Use of Trend Analysis



#### **DEP Initiatives – More Opportunities!**

- Moving sites to "closure"
- "Optimization at Environmental Sites" (the 2017 "Troy Smith memo")
- GAC not required for VOC vapors, Aeration towers OK
- DEP's independent identification of alternative treatment approaches



## **Continuing Concerns of DEP**

- Off-site migration
- PFAS use, monitoring
- Public outreach for remedial decisions
- (Un)Willingness to grant VRAP liability protections without more data
- Recorded Activity and Use Limitations not being complied with



## What's EPA Up To?

- CERCLA Improvements Initiative
  - Controlling Human Exposure Risks
  - Early or Interim Response Actions for immediate risks
  - Pilot sites for Adaptive Management Strategies
- CWA coverage via hydrogeologic connection?
- Sediment Sites Remediation EPA 11/21/17 Memo with Sample CWA/CERCLA MOU



# Any Questions?

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