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Audra Caler, Town Manager
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RE: Wastewater Issue

Dear Ms. Caler:

This is to follow up our telephone conversation on March 31, 2022. As we discussed, the Department is aware of the ongoing discussions between the Town of Camden and the Town of Rockport (the Towns) regarding wastewater issues. The Department is hopeful that the Towns will reach a mutually agreeable resolution.

As we discussed, it is important that you are aware that Maine law prohibits any person from directly or indirectly discharging or causing the discharge of pollutants to waters of the state without a license. 38 M.R.S. § 413(1) (“No person may directly or indirectly discharge or cause to be discharged any pollutant without first obtaining a license therefor from the department.”) Accordingly, if the current dispute between the Towns were to result in an overflow (unlicensed discharge) from Rockport’s sewer system, it would be within the Department’s discretion to consider bringing an enforcement action pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §§ 347-A and 349 against any party directly or indirectly responsible for the overflow.

Please feel free to contact me at 530-0293 or brian.w.kavanah@maine.gov with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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Director, Bureau of Water Quality

cc: Jonathan Duke, Town Manager, Rockport

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