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**RE: Extended Disinfection Season**

Dear Kirsten,

As we recently discussed, Maine law was revised in 2018 to extend the dates for disinfection of wastewater. The previous time period of May 15 - September 30 was revised to start a month earlier and end a month later. The new time period is April 15 – October 31.

As waste discharge licenses are renewed these new dates are being included. That means some wastewater facilities will need to start chlorinating, and potentially dechlorinating, earlier than they have historically. Facilities should plan accordingly and place orders for disinfection supplies in time to meet these new requirements.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at 287-7700, or [brian.w.kavanah@maine.gov](mailto:brian.w.kavanah@maine.gov)

Sincerely,

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