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CONSERVATION PROGRAMS MANUAL (CPM)
440 CPM, PART 512
AMENDMENT ME-1

SUBJECT – CPM – CONSERVATION PROGRAMS CONTRACTING – Maine Amendment to
PART 512 – Subparts C AND J

Purpose: To transmit Maine Amendment 1 to 440-V-CPM, Part 512.23 and Exhibits Subpart J –
Exhibit 512.90 (Maine 1).

Effective Date: September 14, 2005

Attached is the revised request form for a waiver to commence a practice before a Conservation Program Contract has been awarded. The revised form now reflects the policy outlined in the new Conservation Program Contracting Manual (440-V-CPM, Part 512). Specifically, the policy for granting a waiver to commence a practice before a contract has been awarded is outlined in 512.23(c) and (e).

Please note that an approved waiver expires at the end of the fiscal year in which it is approved. This is a change from the old policy which stated that the waiver expired one year from the date the waiver was approved, which most often bridged fiscal years.

Also, note that if a practice for which a waiver has been granted is installed, but no contract is awarded within the waiver period, the waiver request will not be renewed and no reimbursement will be paid for the installed practice. However, if the waiver is granted, but the practice is not installed and the contract is not awarded, another waiver can be requested if the application remains eligible and is deferred to the next fiscal year.

Insert

(440-V-CPM, Maine Amendment 1, September, 2005)
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Exhibits – Subpart J – Exhibit 512.90(Maine-1) – Conservation Program Request for Waiver

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