



At a Glance

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Why We Did This Review

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General, conducts site visits of clean water and drinking water projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). We selected the Clifton Street Sewer Separation and Water Main Replacement Projects in the City of Portland, Maine, for review.

Background

The Maine Municipal Bond Bank, acting on behalf of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, provided Recovery Act funds of \$2,063,665, with \$747,898 for principal forgiveness, through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program to the City of Portland for the Clifton Street Sewer Separation Project. The bank also provided to the Portland Water District, on behalf of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, \$380,205, with \$114,062 for principal forgiveness, through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program for the Clifton Street Water Main Replacement Project.

For further information, contact our Office of Congressional, Public Affairs and Management at (202) 566-2391.

The full report is at:
www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2011/20110607-11-R-0248.pdf

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Site Visit of the Clifton Street Sewer Separation and Water Main Replacement Projects, Portland, Maine

What We Found

We conducted an unannounced site visit of the Clifton Street Sewer Separation and Water Main Replacement Projects in the City of Portland, Maine, from June 15 through June 17, 2009. The projects were performed jointly by the City of Portland, Maine (sewer separation) and Portland Water District (water main replacement). We toured the projects and interviewed city representatives, water district representatives, and contractor personnel. We also reviewed documentation related to Recovery Act requirements.

We conducted our field work phase from June 15, 2009, to April 7, 2011. Our work was suspended for a period of time prior to completion.

Based upon our site visit, no issues or concerns came to our attention that would require action from the city, the Portland Water District, or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.