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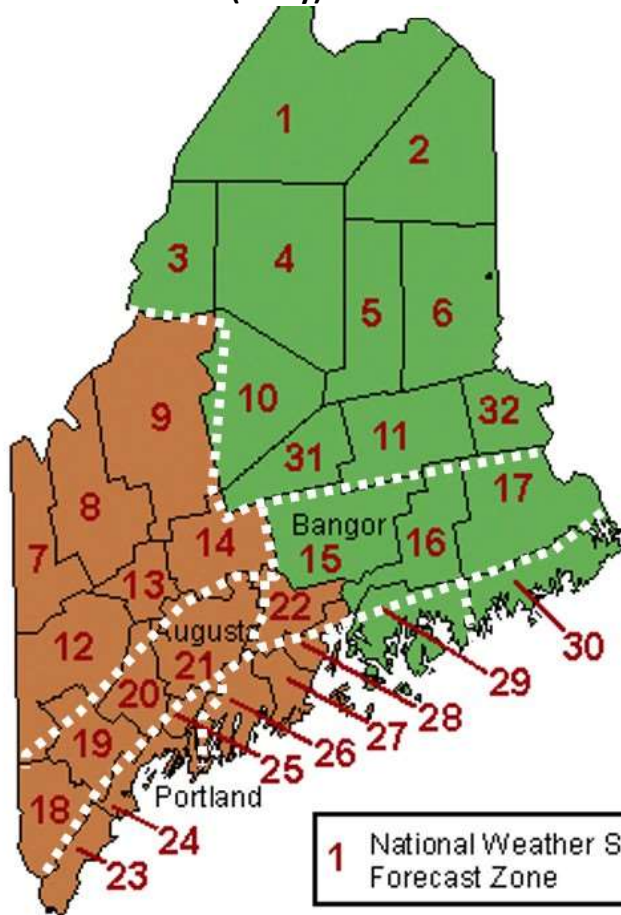
CLERY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Incident Date:	October 03, 2024	Time of Incident:	10:08 am
Location:	See below	Affected Campus:	University of Maine - Orono
Incident Description: The National Weather Service has issued an Air Quality Alert due to the ongoing smoke in the area from the Orrington fire. See the alert below: MEZ015>017-029-050400- Southern Penobscot-Interior Hancock-Central Washington- Coastal Hancock- Including the cities of Bangor, Brewer, Orono, Old Town, Amherst, Aurora, Dedham, Eastbrook, Great Pond, Calais, Grand Lake Stream, Wesley, Princeton, Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, Bucksport, Orland, and Castine 947 AM EDT Thu Oct 3 2024 ...AIR QUALITY ALERT IN EFFECT UNTIL MIDNIGHT EDT FRIDAY NIGHT... The Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Air Quality has issued an Air Quality Alert for particle pollution until midnight EDT Friday night. Particle pollution levels have already risen into the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups range this morning, Thursday Oct 3, 2024. This is due to smoke from the fire in Orrington. Smoke is more likely to be highest near the facility and in the Penobscot River Valley but all nearby areas could also be impacted. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection recommends that individuals consider limiting strenuous outdoor physical activity to reduce the risk of adverse health effects. People who may be especially sensitive to the effects of elevated levels of pollutants include the very young, the elderly, those with pre-existing respiratory problems such as asthma, those with heart disease and anyone who is working hard outdoors. But if you experience symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, throat irritation or an uncomfortable sensation in your chest please consider limiting the intensity and duration of your outdoor activities. A toll free air quality hotline has been established so Maine residents can stay informed on the air quality situations. The toll			

free number is: 1-800-223-1196.

Additionally the Maine Department of Environmental Protection has the air quality forecast available on the web at www.maine.gov/dep/air/aqforecast.

ASSOCIATED PHOTOS (if any):



MEDEP Region	NWS Zone
Northern	001 – 006, 010, 011, 031, 032
Western Mtns	007 – 009, 012 – 014
Western Interior	018 - 021
Eastern Interior	015 – 017, 022
Southwest Coast	023 -025
Mid-Coast	026 - 029
Downeast Coast	030
High Elevation (top of Cadillac)	None