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Poland Spring Truck Driver from Portland Earns High Marks at the Maine State Truck Driving Championship

PORTLAND, MAINE – On May 15th, Poland Spring Water Company truck driver Jim Shunk participated in the 2010 Maine State Truck Driving Championship in Bangor at Dysart's truck stop. The annual competition, sponsored by Maine Motor Transport Association and the Maine Professional Drivers Association, included 72 truck drivers from across Maine from companies like Hannaford, Webber Oil, FedEx, Pottle's Transportation, and Shaw's. Drivers were tested in three driving skills and knowledge areas: obstacle course navigation, equipment pre-trip inspection, and a final comprehensive written exam.

Portland resident Jim Shunk, a Poland Spring tanker driver since 2008, earned first place on the written exam, and third place in the overall competition for the tanker class. The written exam included 80 questions and took nearly two hours to complete. Shunk answered all but one question correctly, putting him at the top of the group.

“The competition was a great way to hone the skills I've learned as a driver with Poland Spring and I got a chance to compete with some talented drivers from all over Maine. I'm really proud I was chosen to represent the company's truck fleet,” said Shunk.

To prepare, Shunk and drivers from other local companies used a practice obstacle course in Portland. Shunk also spent many hours pouring over the study guide that Maine Motor Transport Association gave drivers to prepare for the written exam.

Chris McKay, Poland Spring's Northeast Fleet Supervisor, congratulated his drivers for their hard work saying, “We have the best truck fleet team in Maine. We're proud to have Jim among our nearly 800 Maine employees. He did a fantastic job representing our company.”

Poland Spring sent 2 drivers, volunteers, trucks, and tractors to assist in the driver equipment and pre-trip preparedness sections. Shunk works out of the Hollis plant and has been previously named by Poland Spring as a company-wide “driver of the month.”

ABOUT POLAND SPRING: Since 1845, Poland Spring has been investing in Maine and creating good jobs using an abundant, renewable resource. Today, Poland Spring operates three bottling plants in Poland Spring, Hollis and Kingfield. The Kingfield facility, which officially opened in January 2009, represents a \$60 million investment and 40+ new jobs in western Maine. Poland Spring operates additional spring sources in Fryeburg, Poland, Dallas Plantation, Pierce Pond Township, and St. Albans. Currently, Poland Spring is investing \$4.1 million in a new spring water station project in Fryeburg and Denmark, Maine.

Today Poland Spring:

- Employs nearly 800 full-time and seasonal workers across Maine
- Has invested nearly a half billion in capital in Maine since 1992
- Contributes nearly \$40 million to the economy in annual payroll
- Spends almost \$65 million directly with other Maine companies each year
- Has invested over \$3.2 million in community giving since 2000 to support schools, fire and rescue, environmental conservation, and many local and statewide causes

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