



## The Municipal EcoLink

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*The Municipal EcoLink* is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). We respectfully request that the following is electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. You may read past issues at [The Municipal EcoLink](#)

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### **Continuing Education Workshops for Certified Solid Waste Operators**

NHDES has free monthly workshops for solid waste operators in 2014. In addition to the popular Best Management Practices for Transfer Station Operators, new workshops for continuing professional development hours include topics such as Asbestos, Groundwater, Recycling and Scrap Metal and Storm Water Management. For a complete list and workshop descriptions, go to <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/workshop.htm>. To register for a workshop, contact Nelson Ordway at 271-2925 or mailto:[nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov](mailto:nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov).

### **Clean Diesel Project Grants NOW AVAILABLE**

NHDES announces the availability of federal Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERA) funds through the Air Resources Division. This is a continuation of the popular federal grant program that began in 2008. To date, NHDES has awarded over \$900,000 for projects ranging from idle reduction equipment retrofits to new vehicle purchases. For more information, click [here](#), or contact [Felice.Janelle@des.nh.gov](mailto:Felice.Janelle@des.nh.gov).

### **Seeking Comment----Draft Final Proposal for re-adopting and amending the Solid Waste Rules**

The Department is soliciting public comment on draft final proposed solid waste rules. The comment period ends February 28. The draft of final proposed rules and information about this rulemaking can be viewed at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm>

### **Registration Opens for Free Fleet Manager Workshop.**

The third biennial Green Your Fleet! is scheduled for June 6 at Lakes Region Community College, Laconia. This free all-day workshop features the latest in petroleum reduction strategies including alternative fuels, vehicles, idle reduction and reducing miles traveled. Fleet managers from throughout the region will discuss their experiences with petroleum reduction, providing tips and best practices. The event offers a large vehicle display, vendor tables, lunch and workshop breakout sessions. Register today!  
<http://www.granitestatecleancities.nh.gov/calendar/2014/documents/green-your-fleet.pdf>

### **Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference – April 12**

The sixth annual Local Energy Solutions Conference will be held on April 12th at Winnisquam Regional High School in Tilton, NH, organized by the NH Local Energy Work Group. This day long event is New Hampshire's premier conference dedicated to achieving local and municipal energy successes. Learn more and register at: [NHenergy.org](http://NHenergy.org)

### **Readership Survey**

NHDES respects the fact that everyone's time is precious. We want to ensure that we are providing municipal employees and officials with important and timely information from our agency. To help us ensure that we are delivering a value-added product, please help us by taking this quick 3-minute survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CHJBM9X>

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