



Hazardous Waste Coordinator Certification Program – RE: Emergency Order #29 April 13, 2020

NHDES has received many questions regarding the expiration of hazardous waste coordinator certifications during the current New Hampshire state of emergency and social distancing concerns. NHDES has cancelled classes, and many businesses have placed restrictions on the travel of its employees, making it impossible to receive the training necessary for renewing coordinator certifications. This has understandably created considerable concern on the part of coordinators at risk of losing their certification during this time period beginning March 13, 2020. Likewise, it is of concern to some of their employers, who are responsible by law for having a certified coordinator on staff.

On April 9, 2020, Governor Sununu signed Emergency Order #29, which provides relief from many NHDES statutory and rule requirements, including the annual certification requirement for hazardous waste coordinators.

As a result of this order:

- The annual requirement for hazardous waste coordinator certification will be extended by 180 days for those individuals whose certification expires during New Hampshire's state of emergency.
- A coordinator whose certification expires during this state of emergency will have 90 days from the end of the state of emergency to register for and attend a re-certification class.

The full text of this order may be viewed at the address below:

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/documents/emergency-order-29.pdf>

NHDES understands that many facilities use the hazardous waste coordinator certification to satisfy the annual training requirements for full quantity generators. Please note that the terms of this order apply only to hazardous waste coordinator certification, and generators are still subject to any other applicable training requirements. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Timothy Prospert, Hazardous Waste Certification Programs Administrator at (603) 271-2967 or Timothy.prospert@des.nh.gov

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