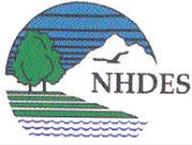


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DES to Host Public Availability Session Regarding Liberty Hill Road in Gilford

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will host a Public Availability Session on Thursday, April 5, 2007 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Gilford Town Offices regarding the potential health issues surrounding the Liberty Hill Road area of Gilford, NH. The Public Availability Session is an opportunity for residents to speak one-on-one with a DES staff member regarding concerns about potential health effects from the coal tar that was deposited in the Liberty Hill area after Laconia's Messer Street Manufactured Gas Plant was destroyed in an explosion.

The Public Availability Session is an opportunity for residents speak with a DES staff member, in a confidential setting. There will be no formal presentation. DES is interested in listening to questions and concerns regarding health risks. Concerns will be recorded (notes will be taken during the session) and addressed in the final Public Health Assessment. The concerns will be listed and answered anonymously.

DES' Environmental Health Program (EHP) staff are currently gathering environmental and health data for the Public Health Assessment. EHP is a non-regulatory section of DES. Our mission is to review environmental and health data and make recommendations to protect public health. A Public Health Assessment is our most comprehensive level of analysis of potential environmental impacts on public health.

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