



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](#).

New Environmental Dashboard for New Hampshire

NHDES recently announce the completion of a new environmental dashboard for New Hampshire. The dashboard consists of 16 key environmental indicators that represent the status of our environment and its impact on public health. We encourage you to check out the dashboard at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/environmental-trends.htm>

Source Water Protection Grants

The 2014 Local Source Water Protection grant application is now available at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm. Project funding is available to develop and implement programs to protect existing sources of public drinking water. Applicants can receive up to \$20,000 for projects to protect drinking water sources including watershed planning, delineation of protection areas, assessment of threats to water supply sources, implementation and source security. Please contact Johnna McKenna at 271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov or Pierce Rigrod at 271-0688 or pierce.rigrod@des.nh.gov if you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal.

Funding available for clean diesel projects

Through the federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), NHDES has \$70,000 available for projects that reduce on- and off-road diesel engine emissions in New Hampshire. Eligible projects include early replacement of diesel vehicles, retrofit equipment that reduce diesel emissions and idle reduction equipment. Applicants are requested to submit project proposals to NHDES no later than 4 p.m. on May 3, 2013. Program details can be found at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/msp/diesel-vehicles/index.htm> or by contacting Felice Janelle, Air Resources Division at 271-4848 or Felice.janelle@des.nh.gov.

School Science & Safety Workshop, May 29 and 30

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the VT Department of Environmental Conservation and several other organizations, is holding two workshops in Claremont, NH at the River Valley Community College on May 29th and 30th titled "School Science & Safety: Making the Connection". The target audience is middle & high school science teachers, administrators, and facility operations managers in New Hampshire & Vermont. The workshop will focus on creating and maintaining a safe environment in the science laboratory. CEUs are available for the workshop. Registration is limited, for workshop and registration information go to <http://tinyurl.com/SchoolScienceSafety>

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