



## 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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### Great Bay Nitrogen Non-Point Source Study – Final Report Now Available

NHDES announces the release of the Great Bay Nitrogen Non-Point Source Study (GBNNPSS). The report summarizes NHDES' effort to determine how much total nitrogen originating from non-point sources enters the Great Bay Estuary. The model predicted a non-point source nitrogen load of 800 tons per year (+/-100 tons/yr) which breaks down to 24% from atmospheric deposition, 29% from human waste from septic systems, 15% from chemical fertilizers and 14% from animal waste. The model also concluded that about 34% of the nonpoint source loads were conveyed through stormwater runoff. For more information go to: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/coastal/great-bay-estuary.htm#pub>. Please contact Ted Diers, 271-3289 or [Ted.Diers@des.nh.gov](mailto:Ted.Diers@des.nh.gov); or Matt Wood 271-8868 or [Matthew.Wood@des.nh.gov](mailto:Matthew.Wood@des.nh.gov) if you have any questions.

### Proposed Amendments to Permit Fee Requirements for Emergency Generators

NHDES is proposing amendments to permit fee requirements for emergency generators operated under a General State Permit (Env-A 700), and annual emission report requirements for all permitted sources (Env-A 907.01). Current rules require owners operating emergency generators/emergency engines under the applicable General State Permit (GSP-EGs) to submit an annual emissions report and pay an annual emission-based fee. The proposed rules would eliminate the requirement to file an annual emissions report and would replace the annual emission-based fee with a once-every-5-years registration fee.

A public hearing will be held on August 15, 2014 at 10:30am in Rooms 113-114 at the DES Offices, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. Comments can be submitted to me by the close of business (4pm) on August 22, 2014. A more complete description of the proposed changes with the date and location of the public hearing and comment period are available in the rulemaking notice and proposed rule on-line at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#pair>

### Change in Procedure for Submitting Wetlands Dredge and Fill Permit Applications to NHDES

As of June 17, 2014, town and city clerks are no longer required to mail Wetland Dredge and Fill permit application forms to NHDES. Town and city clerks are now only required to sign and certify that the municipality in which the property is located has received four copies of the application form and attachments. After the town or city clerks signs and certifies receipt of the application form and attachments, the applicant is responsible for either mailing or hand delivering the original permit application form and attachments to NHDES. Permit application forms can be hand delivered to NHDES during normal business hours; Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

Town or city clerks must still ensure a copy of the permit application form and attachment are provided to the local governing body, and, if any, the municipal planning board and the municipal conservation commission. The town or city clerk must also retain one copy of the permit application form and attachments to be made reasonably accessible to the public. If you have questions about this new procedure, please call (603) 271-2147.

### 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).

### Solid Waste Operator Training - September 4

DES reminds Solid Waste Operators and Municipal Permittees that operators must renew their certification annually and that the late period is limited to 90 days after expiration. After 90 days, operators must begin the process again with all-day Basic Training and testing. The next Basic Training class is September 4, and there are six continuing professional development workshops scheduled from September to December 2014. Application forms for Basic Training are available at

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/opcert.htm>

To register for the half-day workshops, contact Nelson Ordway at [nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov](mailto:nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov) or 271-2925.

### **Free Biodiesel Mechanic Training - October 6**

The Granite State Clean Cities Coalition is offering a free biodiesel mechanic training half-day workshop at NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 8:00 a.m. to noon on October 6, 2014.

Register at <http://xml2.des.state.nh.us/DES-Seminar/BioDiesel.aspx>

### **Source Water Protection Grants**

The 2015 Local Source Water Protection grant application is now available at

[http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp\\_grants.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm). Funding is available to develop and implement projects 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.

Descriptions of projects previously funded by this grant program are available on the program's webpage.

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