



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 Standards of Design and Construction for Sewerage and WWTs

As of October 14, 2014, the updated Env-Wq 700 Standards of Design and Construction for Sewerage and Wastewater Treatment Facilities are in effect. Through the work of a stakeholder group made up of municipal representatives, design engineers, regulators and equipment sales representatives, the standards were revised to address technology changes, energy efficiency concerns, expanded basis of design requirements and pressure sewer design standards. The revised standards are available for download at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm>. If you have questions about the standards, please contact Sharon Rivard at (603) 271-2508 or Sharon.Rivard@des.nh.gov

Shorline Management Conference, December 11

Community leaders are encouraged to attend a Shoreline Management Conference on December 11, 2014, 7:30 AM-4 PM at the Portsmouth Harbor Events & Conference Center. For more information contact Steve.Miller@wildlife.nh.gov or to register visit https://www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=17105

Training Opportunities for Solid Waste Facility Operators

NHDES will be offering Basic Training on Tuesday, December 16 from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, with the exam following the training. If you want to attend Basic Training, please complete the Initial Application for Solid Waste Facility Operator Certification and submit it to NHDES along with the required \$50 fee. If you have any questions, please call (603) 271-2925.

Training Opportunity for WWTF Operators and Town Officials, December 17

NHDES is offering a training on December 17, at the Franklin Training Center; "*Exploring Alternatives for Land Treatment and Disposal of Wastewater.*" Land treatment of municipal wastewater is not a new concept, but is a viable alternative and is gaining popularity as surface water discharge permits (NPDES) become more stringent. For more information visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/optraining.htm>. Contact Mary Jane Meier at (603) 271-5553 or MaryJane.Meier@des.nh.gov to register for this event.

Changes to Underground Storage Tanks and Piping – Deadline December 22, 2015

This is a reminder that pursuant to Env-Or 408.05 (c); with the exception of vent piping, any part of an existing single walled petroleum underground storage tank (UST) system storing oil as defined in RSA 146-A:2-III (petroleum products and their by-products) without secondary containment and leak monitoring shall be permanently closed or upgraded to double-walled systems by December 22, 2015. This includes systems that may have a double-walled tank, but single-walled piping.

RSA 146-C:7 requires that the owner of an underground storage tank and piping system requiring upgrades shall retain the services of a New Hampshire licensed engineer to prepare plans showing how and where the tank system will be installed and submit them to NHDES for review and approval, prior to installation. Town Selectmen, school boards and superintendents, and town officials should review their UST holdings and if any of their tank systems are deficient should budget funds in the coming fiscal year and plan for the required upgrades to ensure that the required deadline is met.

If you have questions concerning the status of your tank system contact Matt Jones in the NHDES Oil Remediation and Compliance Bureau at (603) 271-2986.

Asset Management Planning Grant Program

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB) is pleased to announce the third round of the Asset Management Planning Grant program. This grant is intended to assist community water systems in

developing an asset management plan. The program will provide community water systems a 50% matching grant up to \$15,000 to conduct asset management initiatives.

Applications will be accepted until November 28, 2014. Eligible systems include Community Water Systems serving a population of 500 or greater. An information packet and application are available on the DWGB website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/asset-management/index.htm> under Grant/Loans. Feel free to contact Luis Adorno at 271-2472 or Luis.Adorno@des.nh.gov if you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal.

Transfer Station Survey Re: Disposal of Smoke Detectors

NHDES is surveying transfer stations around New Hampshire to learn about how they handle disposal of radiological and non-radiological smoke detectors, and if they don't throw away detectors, we would like to know what they tell residents to do with them. If possible, please have a representative from your local transfer station fill out the very brief survey by following the link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KTTQPZQ>

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