



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](#)

FREE Natural Gas Vehicle Workshop – October 2

8:00 am. To 4:00 p.m., NHDES Offices, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord.

Natural Gas Vehicles – The Here and Now Technology. This free workshop will highlight the cost and emissions benefits of natural gas vehicles and take you step-by-step in the process of transitioning a fleet to CNG and LNG. Vendor tables and a vehicle display, too! [Click here to register!](#)

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>

N.H. Ocean Planning Public Meeting; October 6, 5-7:30pm, NHDES Pease Field Office, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth, N.H.

Did you know N.H. is involved in a cooperative effort to develop a regional ocean plan as part of the Northeast Regional Planning Body (RPB)? This meeting will include updates on the work and a discussion of two topics the RPB will focus on at its November meeting: options under the effective decision making goal and the healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems goal. The RPB wants to hear your input! More information on the RPB and additional opportunities to participate are available at <http://neooceanplanning.org/>. More information on N.H.'s role in regional ocean planning is available at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/coastal/ocean_policy/regional-planning.htm

King Tide Photo Contest and Gala, October 9

King Tide is an especially high tide that occurs when the gravitational pull of the sun and moon reinforce one another. The next King Tide in the Seacoast will occur on October 9, 2014, peaking at 12:17pm. Take photos around the coast and upload them to Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #KingTidesNH. The photos collected during this one day photo contest coordinated by the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership will be used to help local leaders, planners and communities identify coastal areas vulnerable to tidal flooding, visualize projected impacts from rising sea levels, and plan for tomorrow. The photos will be used in future publications, presentations and websites for the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup partners. On the evening of October 9 from 6-8pm all photographers and the public are invited to an Awards & Photo Show at the Seashell Ocean Pavilion at Hampton Beach for an event coordinated by the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup partners. More information and contest rules are available at <http://preestuaries.org/2014-king-tide-photo-contest/> More information on the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup is available at <http://nhblog.stormsmart.org/>

Asset Management workshop to be offered in October 2014

NHDES is hosting an Asset Management Workshop-“Get the Wheels Turning” at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH on October 23, 2014. This training will provide Water and Wastewater operators & managers with an overview of asset management best practices. Learn how these utilities got started and identify possible funding sources to make an asset management program your reality. Registrations must be completed and submitted to NHDES by October 9, 2014. Forms and information are at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/asset-management/index.htm>

Salt Applicator Certification Training

If you are concerned about winter maintenance practices on private parking lots polluting local waterbodies with road salt this winter, consider promoting the UNH Green SnowPro training and DES Salt Applicator Certification Program with commercial salt applicators in your community. A voluntary salt applicator certification is available for commercial salt applicators who have completed the UNH Technology Transfer

Center's Green SnowPro training program. The training focuses on how to apply salt in the most efficient manner and certified participants using best management practices and keeping proper records -- or property owners who hire them -- are not liable for damages arising from snow or ice. Upcoming full day and refresher trainings will be held this fall. For information and registration: <http://www.t2.unh.edu/green-snowpro-training-and-certification> or call 862-282.

Stakeholder Workgroup for Sludge Management Rules

The Department of Environmental Services is seeking feedback on the potential revisions to the NH Sludge Management Rules Env_Wq 800. Organizations that have an interest in sludge and biosolids management have been invited to participate in a stakeholder workgroup. Meeting dates times and minutes are posted here: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/septslud.htm>. For more information contact Mike Rainey at (603) 271-2818 or Michael.Rainey@des.nh.gov.

Brownfields Assessment Grants

NHDES' Brownfields Program is making available \$200,000 for two or more site specific Assessment Grants. The Grants will provide funding to conduct assessment work on properties where the redevelopment or reuse of the site is complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance or contaminant. NHDES is soliciting Grant applications from interested municipalities, non-profit organizations and other eligible entities. Each individual site proposed for funding will be eligible to receive an Assessment Grant of up to \$100,000.

Assessment Grant applications will be accepted through October 31, 2014. NHDES anticipates that funding decisions will be made by the end of December 2014. Additional information, including eligibility criteria, schedule and applications, are available on the NHDES website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwrb/sss/brownfields/rlf-assessment-grants.htm> or by contacting Michael McCluskey at (603) 271-2183 or michael.mccluskey@des.nh.gov.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting, Nov. 1

NHDES will be providing several presentations at the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions being held on November 1st at the Laconia Middle School. This conference, themed "Inspiring Young Conservationists," is meant to teach conservation commissions how to tackle one of the greatest challenges -- how to pass the torch to the next generation of volunteers. Attendees will also learn from young conservationists who have been inspired to get involved and hear what they have to say about how we can inspire others like them. How a conservation commission can involve young people (kids, families or young professionals) in its community's conservation activities will be addressed by many speakers. As always there will be great sponsor tables, a delicious lunch and lots of networking.

Among the 32 dynamic sessions are those by NHDES staff including:

- Climate Change Adaptation: Planning and Making Resilient Communities - Sherry Godlewski
- Monitoring the Health of Your Town's Wetlands: Vernal Pools - Sandy Crystall, PWS, NHDES & Andrea Hansen, NHDES Intern
- Wetland Mitigation Successes of the ARM Fund - Lori Sommer, NHDES & Dijit Taylor, LCHIP
- Wetlands Compliance: How To - Linda Magoon & Jason Aube

NHACC is offering a reduced registration fee for teachers or students and waiving the registration fee for legislators. Please pass on the word to the teachers, students and legislators that you know. Registration is open online at: www.nhacc.org/annualmeeting44.

Source Water Protection Grants

The 2015 Local Source Water Protection grant application is now available at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwssp/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. Please contact Kelsey Vaughn at 271-2950 or kelsey.vaughn@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.

Management Training for Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities to be offered in 2015

NHDES, the NH Water Pollution Control Assoc. and NH Water Works Assoc. are again offering a training program for drinking water and wastewater managers and supervisors. It will be held once a month, March through November 2015, in Concord, N.H. Topics will include the regulatory environment in New Hampshire, conflict management, budgeting, employee relations and public speaking. Applications must be completed and submitted to NHDES by November 15, 2014. A limited number of applicants will be selected. Application forms and information are at:

<http://www.des.state.nh.us/organization/divisions/water/www/documents/boot-camp-app.pdf>

Solid Waste Operator Certification Program

Leslie Cartier, Hazardous Materials Coordinator for the NH Fire Marshal's Office, will talk about potential hazards in the solid waste stream, including meth lab components. His presentation will address how to identify such dangers, and the proper way to react. The program will be offered Thursday, November 20. Register for either class with Nelson Ordway at 271-2925 or nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov. Reminder: operators must renew annually, and the late period is limited to 90 days from expiration; after that, they must take part in basic training and testing in order to recertify.

Asset Management Planning Grant Program

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau 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.

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.

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