



## 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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### Coastal NH Climate Summit: Science to Support Action

Summit will be held Friday June 19, 2015 8:00am - 4:30pm at the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, 89 Depot Road, Greenland, NH. Registration Fee: \$20 (includes refreshments and lunch)

Registration deadline: 4:00pm on June 16, 2015 Register online at

[https://www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event\\_id=17907&on\\_update=OQrefresh&mode=view](https://www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=17907&on_update=OQrefresh&mode=view)

### Motor Vehicle Recycling Facility (MVRF) Local License Inventory Update

The NH Green Yards Program is updating its database with current facilities holding a motor vehicle recycling facility local license per RSA 236:111-129. Within the next few weeks, the program will be sending out questionnaires to each municipality via e-mail to gather information regarding the MVRFs in the state. This inventory will be used by the DES to provide information to active facilities regarding the environmental Best Management Practices and the NEW MtBE Bureau within the Department. It is essential that we have an updated list of licensed facilities. For questions, please contact Tara Mae Albert at [Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov](mailto:Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-2938.

### Criminal Background Checks Now Required for Youth Skill Program Staff

New Hampshire now requires Youth Skill Programs to conduct criminal background checks for any staff (owners, employees, and/or volunteers) that may be alone with any child or children. The requirement applies to all "youth skill camps" ("non-profit or for profit programs teaching a skill to children under 18 years of age") and covers any program designed to impart a specific skill over a period of 3 or more consecutive days. More information and a list of currently certified camps is available online at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/youth-skills/index.htm> If you have any questions, please contact Chip Mackey of the NH Youth Recreation Camp Licensing Program at 603-271-0655 or [chip.mackey@des.nh.gov](mailto:chip.mackey@des.nh.gov).

### EPA Seeking Proposals for National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

RFP#: [EPA-OAR-OTAQ-15-06](#)

Closing Date: June 15, 2015

EPA's [Office of Transportation and Air Quality](#) is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating at or servicing goods movement facilities located in areas designated as having poor air quality. In addition, priority for funding may be given to projects which: Result in outcomes that benefit affected communities. A copy of the Request for Application is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/rfp-epa-oar-otaq-15-06.pdf>

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies, such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement. Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 - Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps). Eligible entities include regional, state, local or tribal agencies (or intertribal consortia) or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, and nonprofit organizations or institutions that: a) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or b) have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Proposal packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)) no later than **Monday, June 15, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. (ET)** in order to be considered for funding.

### Rebates for Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

NHDES is offering rebates to anyone who installs an electric vehicle charging station and makes it available to the general public. Rebates of up to \$5,000 for a Level II charging station and up to \$12,000 for a Level III charging station will be provided to any municipality, business or organization that provides the location and site preparation for installation. More information and an application are available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/drive-electric/index.htm> or by contacting Paul Lockwood at 271-5552.

### Training Opportunities for Solid Waste Facility Operators

NHDES and the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) will be conducting a workshop on June 25, 2015 from 1:00-4:00PM to learn about and discuss pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) strategies for trash management. This workshop may be used to renew solid waste facility operator certification and accumulate continuing professional development hours. Municipal officials are encouraged to attend. For more information, please go to <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/workshop.htm> and click on "Pay-As-You-Throw: Benefits & Challenges."

NHDES is offering Basic Training on Friday, August 14, 2015 from 8:30AM-2:30PM, with the exam following the training. If you want to attend Basic Training, please complete the Initial Application for Solid Waste Facility Operator Certification available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/opcert.htm#newoperators> and submit it to NHDES along with the required \$50 fee. If you have any questions, please call (603) 271-2925.

### General State Permit for Internal Combustion Engines

The General State Permit for Internal Combustion Engines – Emergency Generators or Fire Pump Engines (GSP) issued by NHDES, Air Resources was reestablished on **April 30, 2015**. All sources operating emergency engines under the previous GSP must register under the reestablished permit in order to be covered by the new GSP. The registration must be received at NHDES no later than **July 29, 2015**.

The registration forms and information concerning this permit can be found at [http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/pehb/apps/permit\\_air\\_emissions\\_gsp\\_eq.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/pehb/apps/permit_air_emissions_gsp_eq.htm) Any questions with the online application process should be directed to Anne Bailey at (603) 271-6828 or [anne.bailey@des.nh.gov](mailto:anne.bailey@des.nh.gov)

### Mercury Thermostat Recycling Program

The Thermostat Recycling Program (TRC) is a manufacturer-funded program that provides recycling bins to municipalities and others for the collection and management of mercury-containing thermostats. There is a one-time \$25 fee for each bin. When full, bins are shipped to TRC, free-of-charge, using the included pre-paid label. Help keep mercury out of the waste stream by ordering your bin today at <http://www.thermostat-recycle.org/> Please note, only intact mercury-containing thermostats should be placed in the bins. All other items, including vials / jars of liquid of mercury, other mercury products, batteries, etc. are strictly prohibited and shipping these items is a violation of law and will jeopardize the program. For more information, contact the TRC or Stephanie D'Agostino, DES Pollution Prevention Section at [stephanie.dagostino@des.nh.gov](mailto:stephanie.dagostino@des.nh.gov) or 271-6398.

### Climate Resilient Water and Wastewater Systems

Impacts of New Hampshire's changing climate have caused service interruptions and raised municipal costs by affecting water quality and quantity, causing extended power outages and damaging water and wastewater infrastructure. Fortunately, there are many opportunities to prepare for and recover from the impacts of climate change. Municipalities can also take steps to reduce the causes of climate change by increasing the energy efficiency of their systems. Improved energy efficiency will reduce the consumption of fossil fuels, the primary cause of climate change, as well as reduce the cost to deliver drinking water and treat wastewater. Visit our [Climate Resilience for Water and Drinking Water](#) webpage for information on expected impacts and adaptation strategies.

### News about Wetlands and Shoreland Permitting

Attention NH City and Town Clerks! A new [guidance document](#) was developed for City and Town Clerks to assist with the processing of all NHDES Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Application forms. This document is available on the NHDES [Shoreland](#) and [Wetlands](#) web pages.

### **New Online Mapping Tool – New Hampshire Coastal Viewer**

NHDES, in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire's GRANIT System and other project partners, have launched the [New Hampshire Coastal Viewer](#) an online mapping tool that gives anyone with an Internet connection the ability to access more than 150 spatial data sets and to make and share their own customized maps. For the first time, the Coastal Viewer brings both new and existing coastal resources and hazards-related spatial data sets in the 42 communities of N.H.'s coastal watershed together in one place. For more information and to go to the Viewer, visit: <http://www.granit.unh.edu/nhcoastalviewer/>

### **NHDES Dam numbers have changed**

Dam owners will be noticing a change in your dam number in future correspondence. As development has expanded over the years, the number of dams in certain towns has grown significantly. Some towns are nearing 100 dams, and our historic numbering system was not compatible with that. In addition, the old system made it difficult for some computer applications to manipulate and sort the data. Example: Old dam# 014.08, New dam# D014008. If you have any questions, you can contact us at [damsafety@des.nh.gov](mailto:damsafety@des.nh.gov)

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