



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](#)

Solid Waste Facility Workshop

NHDES is hosting a Workshop for Facility Managers and Municipal Officials on January 10th from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Indian Head Resort in Lincoln; 32 seats are available. This workshop is designed for renewing Solid Waste Operators who are in a supervisory or management position at a solid waste facility AND for municipal officials who handle SW Permit information. Attendees will learn about their SW Permit and the requirements for remaining in compliance with that permit. Instructors will discuss recordkeeping, reporting and permit requirements that solid waste managers typically handle. Attendees should bring a copy of their facility's permit, operating plan, closure plan, 2015 annual facility report and the BMP Manual.

Notice to Solid Waste Facility Owners - 2016 Annual Facility Report Forms

The 2016 Annual Facility Report (AFR) forms, used for reporting required information regarding the operation of your solid waste facility, are undergoing revision and are not yet available for distribution. The revisions are intended to simplify certain reporting requirements.

When finalized, the revised forms will be posted on NHDES' website (www.des.nh.gov) and you will be notified. Please do not submit your 2016 AFR using last year's form. Please wait until the new form is available. If you have questions, please contact the Solid Waste Management Bureau at 603-271-2925 or solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov

Volkswagen Settlement Information

The deadline for comments on the "Initial Proposal Regarding Use of Potential Funding from the Volkswagen 2.0 Liter Consent Decree" **has been extended to February 10, 2017**. Proposed projects can be submitted utilizing the "VW Project Survey" until February 10, 2017. The Initial Proposal and VW Project Survey are available on the Volkswagen Settlement page of the NHDES website at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/tps/msp/diesel-vehicles/vw-settlement.htm>

Funding for Diesel Vehicles and Equipment Replacement

Funding is currently available for replacement of diesel vehicles and equipment. Proposals submitted prior to the close of business on the first Friday of the month will be evaluated that month. The Project Proposal Form is available on the Diesel Vehicles and Equipment page of the NHDES website at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/tps/msp/diesel-vehicles/index.htm>

Sampling for PFCs at Contaminated Sites

The NHDES Hazardous Waste Remediation Bureau has sent a letter to stakeholders requesting sampling for perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) as part of groundwater management permits and the investigation of certain contaminated sites. Sampling is to occur in 2017, or at the latest in 2018. The letter can be reviewed at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwrp/documents/pfc-stakeholder-notification-20161122.pdf>

Drought Information

Problematic drought conditions will continue for New Hampshire residents throughout the winter. NHDES will continue to have information and resources available on the NHDES Drought Management Program webpage: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dam/drought/index.htm>

New Mapping Can Help Your Community Prioritize Water Resources

Mapping that is focused on land important for water resources, specifically drinking water protection, flood risk mitigation and pollution attenuation, has been developed by The Nature Conservancy with NHDES Coastal Program funding. The map layers are now available on the [New Hampshire Coastal Viewer](#), an online tool that gives anyone with an Internet connection the ability to access more than 150 spatial data sets in the 42 communities in New Hampshire's Coastal Watershed and to make and share their own customized maps. The viewer is intended for a wide variety of users for planning and education purposes, including municipal staff and volunteers. In addition to the new water resources layers, you'll find data such as conservation and public lands, aerial imagery, FEMA floodplains, and storm surge and sea-level rise information. The NHDES Coastal Program in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire's GRANIT System and other project partners developed the New Hampshire Coastal Viewer in 2015 with a grant from NOAA's Office for Coastal Management. The viewer can be found at: <http://www.granit.unh.edu/nhcoastalviewer/>

Asbestos in Schools

NHDES would like to remind schools and school districts in New Hampshire that there are both federal and state laws requiring them to identify and monitor asbestos-containing materials in their facilities, and to maintain and make available for review all records related to the monitoring, repair and removal of asbestos containing materials. For more information, visit the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/asbestos-and-school-buildings#resources> or contact Steve Cullinane at NHDES at 603-271-1373.

New Emission Regulations for Wood Stoves

As of January 1, 2016, only USEPA-Certified hydronic heaters, wood stoves and pellet stoves that meet the new requirements can be legally sold in the United States. NHDES would like to partner with municipal officials to educate residents on the rule and the installation of USEPA-Certified wood stoves. For more information visit: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/wba/index.htm>

Important News about Rules

1. NHDES is cooperating fully with the Governor's directive relative to reviewing its rules. The rules listed in #2 - #5, below, were already in progress when the directive was issued and are continuing in the formal rulemaking process, subject to further review per the directive.
2. Control of Lead and Copper in Drinking Water, Env-Dw 714, Env-Dw 403.02, and Env-Dw 403.03
NHDES is proposing to adopt amendments to Env-Dw 714 Control of Lead and Copper; Env-Dw 403.02 Prohibition on Use of Lead Pipes, Solder, and Flux; and Env-Dw 403.03 Distribution Piping Materials Inventory to align the rules with federal requirements to ensure that customers of public water systems are not exposed to excessive levels of lead or copper. The Initial Proposal and the Rulemaking Notice for the rules are available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#pdrinking>
3. NHDES is proposing to readopt with amendments the rules identified as Env-Wq 1500 re: Alteration of Terrain. The Initial Proposal, a fixed text of the Initial Proposal, and the Rulemaking Notice for the rules are available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#pwaterq> The public hearing relative to the proposal to readopt with amendments the Alteration of Terrain rules is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Rooms 112-114 of the DES Offices at 29

Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. The deadline for submission of written comments is 4:00 PM. on Friday, February 24, 2017. **Written comments may be submitted without participating in the public hearing.** Comments or questions should be directed to Ridgely Mauck, Alteration of Terrain Bureau Administrator, at Ridgely.Mauck@des.nh.gov or by phone (603-271-2303) or fax (603-271-2982).

4. NHDES is proposing to readopt with amendment the Water Use and Registration Rules, Env-Wq 2102. The Initial Proposal and the Rulemaking Notice for the rules are available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#pwaterg>
5. The proposed readoption with amendment of Env-Wq 1800 re: Rivers Management and Protection Program is at the public comment stage. The public hearing is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2017 at 3:30 PM in Room 112 of the NHDES Offices at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord. The deadline for written comments is 4:00 on Friday, January 20, 2017. Participation at the public meeting is not required to submit written comments. Contact Tracie Sales (Tracie.Sales@des.nh.gov), WD WMB Environmental Program Manager, for more information. The initial proposal is on-line at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm>
6. Env-Wq 1700 was recently readopted, effective December 1, 2016; the new rules are available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#aquality>
7. Every year or two, as required by RSA 125-I:4, the NHDES proposes changes to the list of regulated toxic air pollutants (RTAPs) and their ambient air limits (AALs) in the Env-A 1400 Rule, *Regulated Toxic Air Pollutants*. These changes are based on updates made to the list of chemical substances by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) and the US EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The changes for this past year became effective on December 30, 2016. If you would like updates on these and other NH Air Division rules, please sign up (click on NH Air Division Rulemaking notices in the box) and submit your email address via this link: <http://des.nh.gov/media/eneews/index.htm>
8. Amendments to the Solid Waste Operator Training and Certification requirements were adopted effective November 18, 2016. The amendments are available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#asolid> they must be read in conjunction with the rest of the rules, which are available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/index.htm#solid>

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