



The Municipal EcoLink

An e-bulletin from the NH Department of Environmental Services

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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](#)

Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) Fund Workshops

The Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) Fund, in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, will be hosting three outreach sessions regarding available funding from the ARM Fund, updated tools to submit applications, and the Stream Crossing Initiative. Potential ARM Fund grant applicants from all service areas including: municipalities (conservation commissions, road agents and town engineers), regional planning commissions, non-profit groups, land trusts and consultants are encouraged to attend. Given the significant amount of funds available in the Salmon Falls and Merrimack service areas, these sessions will be held in Concord (January 18, 2018), Londonderry (January 24, 2018) and Rochester (February 6, 2018). More details will be forthcoming on our website:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/wmp/index.htm>

Turnkey Landfill Expansion – Public Comment Period

NHDES is extending the public comment period for a permit application for expansion of the TLR-III Refuse Disposal Facility, commonly known as the Turnkey Landfill, located in Rochester, NH. A copy of the application is available for review via the NHDES OneStop website. The public comment period closes Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 4 pm. For details, see the notice at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/documents/20180111-waste-management-nh-extended.pdf>

Household Hazardous Waste Grants Applications

NHDES is now accepting requests for applications for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grants for State Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). This will be your only opportunity to obtain a grant this coming fiscal year. Costs eligible for reimbursement include contractor HHW disposal costs and an educational campaign addressing source reduction, reuse and recycling of household hazardous waste. Grant requirements give highest priority to applicant communities or groups of communities serving the greatest population, operating a permanent HHW facility, providing access to multiple collection events, or to new applicants.

The deadline for submitting a completed grant application is February 1, 2018. Grant application packages will be available on the NHDES website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/hhwp/categories/forms.htm>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dean Robinson at 271-2047, or by email at

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School Renovations and Public School Infrastructure Fund Projects

If a public school in your municipality has sustained **unexpected** damage and requires **urgent** repairs to conditions that pose a threat to the life and safety of students or staff, including abatement of previously undiscovered hazardous materials such as lead, **asbestos**, radon, or mold, NHDES urges public schools to refer to the [Public School Infrastructure Fund](#) for more information on eligible projects. When conducting any work, please refer to your school's Asbestos Management Plan and any work that disturbs asbestos must be conducted in accordance with that plan. Please contact Anne Keach at Anne.Keach@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-4555.

Fugitive Dust Workshop

Fugitive dust is a type of air pollutant that affects respiratory health, erodes unpaved roads, pollutes surface waters, and reduces visibility. Managing fugitive dust is also a regulatory requirement. Find out how to control fugitive dust by attending a free workshop on March 15, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the NH Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord. This workshop is for public works officials, contractors, landscapers, and erosion and sediment control inspectors. The workshop is free but registration is required. For more information, or to register, visit the NHDES event calendar page at www.des.nh.gov or register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/somethings-in-the-air-controlling-fugitive-dust-tickets-41020321887>

NHDES Solid Waste Operator Training and Certification – In the North Country!

NHDES Solid Waste Operator Basic Training will be offered on April 19 at the Town & Country Inn and Resort in Shelburne. This full day class is for NEW Solid Waste Operators who have yet to be certified and the SW Operator Training Coordinator invites any operator to contact her to see if they are eligible to use this training class as their continuing professional development for annual renewal. In addition, there will be a NEW workshop the evening of April 19 at the same location in Shelburne. For more information on this class and to register, please contact Tara Mae Albert, SWOT Coordinator at Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-3713. For all information regarding the NHDES Solid Waste Operator Training and Certification Program, please go to <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/index.htm>

The New Hampshire Geological Survey announces recently completed Surficial Geology Maps

These maps show the occurrence of gravels, sand, silts, clays and glacial till by topographic quadrangles in New Hampshire. Local municipalities find these easy to read maps useful for planning purposes. Some of these deposits are important local aquifers, needing protection. The recently completed maps cover the towns (and surrounding areas) of Bartlett and New London. Copies of these maps and many others are listed at:

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/geologic/documents/geo_publ.pdf

They may be obtained by contacting the NHDES Public Information Center, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095; pip@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-8876.

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