



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](#)

Salmon Falls Emergency Response Exercise, June 21

A joint Maine-New Hampshire emergency response training exercise on June 21 will allow first responders from both states practice how to respond to a hypothetical chemical spill on the Salmon Falls River, which separates the two states, and serves as a drinking water source for communities in both states.

The exercise is being coordinated by the Maine Rural Water Association, Granite State Rural Water Association and York County (Maine) Emergency Management Agency and is being funded by NHDES, Maine Drinking Water Program, NH HSEM, and York County Emergency Management Agency. For more information contact Andrew Madison at (603) 271-2950 andrew.madison@des.nh.gov.

Public Comment Period for Granite State Recycling, LLC

The public comment period for the solid waste permit application submitted to NHDES by Granite State Recycling, LLC has been extended until June 22, 2018. Written comments on this application may be submitted to NHDES as detailed here:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/documents/20180606-gsr-public-hearing-extension.pdf>

Solid Waste Solutions: The Future of Recycling and Food Waste Diversion

With the state of recycling in flux, many municipalities are scrambling to manage their solid waste both fiscally and environmentally responsibly. Below are two webinars that are meant to give some information, options and guidance on managing the waste that is coming into these facilities with the ever changing market. These webinars will count towards SW Operator Training credit. For more information on this, contact Tara Mae Albert at Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-3713.

- **Beyond China: Building the Future of Recycling (Thursday, June 28 at 1:45) Hosted by SWANA:** Recycling programs in the United States and Canada face unprecedented challenges. The flow of materials into China on which many programs relied has ceased or been heavily restricted. Processing costs have gone up, revenue is down, and outlets for materials have become harder to find. As we approach one year since China announced its first set of waste restrictions, the recycling landscape has changed dramatically. Many communities are battling high contamination rates that are limiting where materials can go and they are trying to understand what the future may hold. This timely SWANA Webinar will explore how we got here and what might come next. This webinar is \$49 for Members and \$79 for Non-Members. To register go to <https://swana.org/Events/EventDetail.aspx?ec=WEB180628> or email jmaxwell@swana.org
- **Introducing the US EPA Food Opportunities Map (Thursday, July 12 from 1:00-2:30) Hosted by EPA:** This national, interactive map can help you save money, feed people, and keep food out of landfills. The map identifies more than 500,000 potential generators of excess food (e.g. correctional facilities, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, hospitality industry, food manufacturers and processors, and food wholesalers and distributors) and estimated generation quantities, as well as over 4,000 potential recipients of excess food (e.g. anaerobic digestion and composting facilities, food banks). To register for this free webinar visit, <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6859958989880408067>

Community Water System Leak Detection Survey Grant Application Period Open

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau is now accepting applications for the Community Water System Leak Detection Survey Grant. This grant is open to all community water systems in New Hampshire, and selected applicants will receive a free leak detection survey by a professional leak detection specialist during the 2019 field season. The application is available at

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/water_conservation/leak-detection.htm and is due by

July 27, 2018. Please contact Kelsey Vaughn at kelsey.vaughn@des.nh.gov or (603)-271-0659 if you have any questions.

New Funds Available! Brownfields RLF Cleanup Grants

The NHDES Brownfields Program is making available \$400,000 for two or more Cleanup Grants and is soliciting applications from interested eligible entities. The Cleanup Grants will provide funding to conduct cleanup activities on properties where the redevelopment or reuse of the site is complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance or contaminant. Individual Grants will be limited to no more than \$200,000 per site. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31, 2018. Applications and additional information is available at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwrb/sss/brownfields/rlf-grant.htm>

Applications and questions can be directed to Michael McCluskey at michael.mccluskey@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2183.

Control That Dust!

A reminder that dust from roadway projects, construction activities, and just driving on dirt roads generates dust that presents a risk to public health and the environment. On March 15, 2018, the NHDES held a fugitive dust workshop designed to bring awareness to contractors and municipal officials about the rules, which have been in effect since 1973, and the different dust control measures. Municipal officials are encouraged to ensure that their contractors abide by the fugitive dust regulations. Please direct questions to NHDES at (603) 271-0907, or visit des.nh.gov and click on “dust” under the A to Z topics list.

Asbestos Inspection and Abatement – Notice to Town when issuing a Building Renovation and Demolition Permit

A reminder to all towns and municipalities of the necessity for building owners and their contractors to have an asbestos inspection prior to any renovation/demolition. Please direct them to NHDES for guidance on their projects. For information on asbestos requirements contact NHDES at (603) 271-1373, or visit des.nh.gov and click on “Asbestos Management” under the A to Z topics list.

Small Storage Tank Inspection

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau is pleased to announce the Small Community Public Water System Tank Inspection Grant program. Atmospheric and hydropneumatic tanks are vital components of a small water system and need to be properly maintained. To evaluate the condition of a tank and its remaining life expectancy, it needs to be inspected internally, and if accessible, externally too. NHDES offers small water systems a 100% matching grant of up to \$4,000 per tank of 20,000 gallons or less to perform tank inspections. NHDES will award a maximum of \$10,000 for each water system (enough for three tanks) to perform those long-neglected inspections.

For more information or to obtain an application, please visit

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/asset-management/index.htm> or contact Luis Adorno at (603) 271-2472 or luis.adorno@des.nh.gov.

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