



## 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](#)

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### Grants Available for Land Conservation Transaction Costs in the Coastal Watershed

Grant applications are available for the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership's Winter 2019 Land Protection Transaction Grant Program. The March 2019 grant round will assist with transaction costs for land protection projects within the coastal watershed area of New Hampshire and Maine. Qualified nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) conservation organizations, municipalities and units of government may apply for a grant. **Application must be postmarked by March 22, 2019.** Grant instructions and the application form are available on the GBRPP website <http://www.greatbaypartnership.org>

### Join the NH Arsenic Consortium on March 22

If you would like to learn more about arsenic research and/or contribute to a plan to reduce arsenic exposure in NH, please join us for our next [NH Arsenic Consortium](#) Meeting at NHDES/NHDHHS, 29 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH, on **Friday, March 22, 2019 8:30-4pm, with a weather date of March 28, 2019. REGISTER/RSVP HERE:** <https://goo.gl/forms/usPg9mcNkTmNrflE3> A simple continental breakfast, lunch and morning and afternoon snacks will be provided and the meeting is free of charge. Attendance is limited so please be sure to register by March 15.

### New Hampshire Hosts 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference in Portsmouth

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), NHDES Watershed Assistance Section, and EPA Region 1 are hosting the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Nonpoint Source (NPS) Conference on April 18 and 19 at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, NH. This conference brings together all those in New England and New York State involved in the management of NPS pollution, including participants from state, federal, and municipal governments, the private sector, academia, and watershed organizations. For more information and to register, visit: <http://neiwppcc.org/our-programs/nps/annual-nps-conference/>

### 2019 Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) & Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Workshop

The New Hampshire Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs will be hosting a workshop with the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust (DWGT) Fund on **April 19, 2019** at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in Concord, NH. The workshop will provide program updates, past borrower experiences, and afternoon sessions geared towards drinking water and wastewater system operators, managers, engineers, decision makers, etc. A preliminary agenda and registration information is available at: <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/capacity/documents/srf-workshop.pdf>

### Save the Date- Friday, April 19, 2019, State Revolving Loan Fund and Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Workshop

The New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) will be hosting a joint SRF workshop with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (Trust Fund) on April 19, 2019 at NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. The event will offer a series of topics including updates regarding the SRF and the Trust Fund Loan Programs as well as individual breakout sessions for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems. The intended audience includes current and future Loan Recipients, Community/Financial Decision Makers, Consultants/Engineers, Operators and others interested in the SRF or Trust Fund Loan Programs. Registration information and an agenda will be sent out and posted to our website (<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/capacity/dwsrf.htm>) at a later date.

### National Drug Takeback Day is April 27, 2019

For information on the location of drop boxes in New Hampshire or how to participate with dozens of other law enforcement agencies in the National Drug Takeback day on April 27, 2019, go to [www.nh.gov/medsafety](http://www.nh.gov/medsafety)

### **Emergency Generators - NHDES Approvals and Installation Requirements**

Any facility installing an emergency electrical generator with an aboveground petroleum storage tank (AST) having a capacity of more than 660-gallons must submit an AST application to the Waste Management Division of NHDES for construction approval a minimum of 45 days prior to installation. This is true whether the AST forms an integral part of the generator enclosure or is free standing. It is unlawful to install and to operate such an emergency generator or AST without prior NHDES approval. NHDES is stepping up enforcement of the AST laws and will seek to impose fines against those who illegally install and operate an emergency generator having an AST capacity of more than 660-gallons, in accordance with the NHDES Compliance Assurance Response Policy. For more information on the AST application and approval process, please contact Charles Corliss at (603) 271-6058 or visit the "Aboveground Storage Tank" program on the NHDES website at

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/orcb/ocs/astp/index.htm>

### **Notice to Solid Waste Facility Owners - 2018 Annual Facility Report Forms**

The 2018 Annual Facility Report (AFR) forms, used for reporting required information regarding the operation of your solid waste facility (active or inactive) are available for distribution. The forms and attached guidance documents can be found at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/css/categories/forms.htm#annual> **Please make sure you choose the correct form for your facility.** If you have questions, please contact the Solid Waste Management Bureau at (603) 271-2925 or [solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov](mailto:solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov)

### **Has YOUR Solid Waste Operator Staff Received the Most UTD Basic Training?**

In 2019 the SW Operator Training Program will be offering a Basic Training Refresher Course in Keene, Portsmouth, Concord and Lincoln. We are inviting operators who have not taken Basic Training or a Refresher course since 2011 to attend one of these four classes. For more information on whether that applies to your staff or to register for the classes, please contact Tara Mae Albert at (603) 271-3713 or [Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov](mailto:Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov)

### **NHDES Facebook Page**

NHDES has an official [Facebook Page](#). The page will be used to post information about NHDES events, trainings, workshops, publications, and more. Please take the time to check out the new page and "Like" us to stay updated on new content. You can also find us on Twitter (@NHDES) and YouTube. If you have any questions or suggestions for content, please contact us at [socialmedia@des.nh.gov](mailto:socialmedia@des.nh.gov)

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