Welcome to DES &
to Today’s Workshop
“Best Management Practices for Transfer Station Operators”
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

- Required by law and NH Solid Waste Rules.
- Build your resume & accumulate professional development hours.
WHY THIS WORKSHOP?

- Top 10 most dangerous jobs
  - 33 deaths per 100,000 FTE
  - Due to accidents and exposure to hazardous materials and heavy equipment
DESKTOP MATERIALS & DISPLAYS

- Agenda
- Evaluation
- BMP Manual
TODAY’S AGENDA

- Solid Waste Operator Training Rule Changes
- BMPs for Universal Wastes
- BMPs for Used Oil & Filters
- Break
TODAY’S AGENDA

- BMPs for Household Sharps
- BMPs for Composting Food, Leaf & Yard Waste
- BMPs for Scrap Tires
- BMPs for Glass
- BMPs for Brush Piles
- Q&A
Best Management Practices for Transfer Station Operators

BMPs & Use of the BMP Manual
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Preferred Work Methods

Strategies to:

• handle waste to protect environment/public health
• comply with regulations
• avoid unnecessary costs
BMP vs. Rule

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BMPs......Tab 1 (Light Blue)


Antifreeze

Antifreeze contains chemicals that can be toxic to people, plants and animals. The most common antifreeze solutions are mixtures of water and either ethylene glycol or propylene glycol. Ethylene glycol is much more toxic than propylene glycol and is slowly being phased out. Both types of antifreeze must be managed and stored to prevent impacts to the environment and public health.

Instead of sending used antifreeze to an expensive hazardous waste disposal facility, recycle it. In New Hampshire, the Universal Waste Rule simplifies the requirements for managing antifreeze if you recycle it. For more information about managing waste antifreeze under the Universal Waste Rule, refer to the Universal Waste BMP Guidance Sheet or contact NHDES.

Best Management Practices for Waste Antifreeze

- Do not pour antifreeze into septic tanks, sewer systems, storm drains, surface waters or onto the ground.
- Store antifreeze in containers that are in good condition and will not rust, rot or be dissolved by the contents.
- If stored outdoors, place all used antifreeze containers including buckets, drums and tanks:
  - In secondary containment (a container that can hold at least 110 percent of the volume of the largest used antifreeze container or 50% of the total volume of all containers, whichever is greater).
  - On an impervious surface such as intact concrete or heavy duty rigid plastic.
  - Under cover to keep the storage container and secondary containment dry.
- Clearly label each container with one of the following phrases to show how the antifreeze is being managed: “Universal Waste – Antifreeze”, “Waste Antifreeze” or “Used Antifreeze”.
- Clearly mark each container or tank with the date the antifreeze was first added. Reuse, recycle or dispose of it within a year of that date.
- Keep the antifreeze containers tightly closed, except when actively adding or removing antifreeze.
- If collecting different types of waste antifreeze, use separate funnels, drip pans and containers for each type. Label your equipment to avoid mixing the wastes.
- Immediately contain and clean up all spills and leaks. Keep spill control equipment nearby.
- Before shipping any antifreeze, make sure the shipping documents have been completed and the receiving facility has agreed to receive the shipment and is authorized under state law to receive it.
- Recycle waste antifreeze to restore its quality by:
  - Hiring a contractor to come to your facility with a mobile recycling unit; or
  - Transporting the waste antifreeze to a “universal waste destination facility” or “universal waste handler” that will recycle the antifreeze and meets all other requirements in the Universal Waste Rule; or
  - Purchasing the proper equipment and doing it yourself.

Summer 2013
Resources............. Tab 2 (Green)
OPERATING PLAN FOR ANYTOWN TRANSFER STATION PERMIT #DES-SW-00-000

Solid Waste Collection, Storage, Recycling and Transfer Facility

Date: August 2, 2013
Completed By: William Ellis
Facility Inspections...Tab 4 (Yellow)
Facility Reporting & Recordkeeping...Tab 5 *(Orange)*

Annual Facility Report (AFR)
This is NOT something new; it has been in Rules forever.

Conducting self-inspections helps the facility to comply.

The (new) checklists are a tool to help you comply.
Operator Training & Certification....

Tab 6 (Green)
Miscellaneous...Tab 7 (Yellow)
Contacts... Tab 8 (Dark Blue)
Solid Waste Operator Training Rule Changes

Effective July 1, 2014
Establishes two types of operators:

1. **Principal operator**
   - Attend basic training and pass the exam.
   - May be in supervisory/management position.
2. Assistant operator

- Attend basic training, but do not take/pass the exam.
- Must work under supervision of principal operator.
OPERATOR QUALIFICATIONS

• No more minimum education/experience requirements.
• Employers determine who is competent, not DES.
TRANSITION FROM LEVEL TO STEP

- Attendant in Training → Assistant Operator
- Level 1 → Principal Operator, Step 1
- Level 2 → Principal Operator, Step 2
- Level 3 → Principal Operator, Step 3
- Level 4 → Principal Operator, Step 4
SENIOR PRINCIPAL OPERATOR

To recognize those individuals who have 20 years of continuous certification, we have designated them as Senior Principal Operators.
STEPS

• Recognition for continuing professional development.

• Awarded automatically with renewal.

• Step increases with hours of accrued training starting July 1, 2014.
## OPERATOR STEPS

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* Only for Principal Operators
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• “Continuing Professional Development” means professional or technical instruction that imparts information and instruction relevant to waste management and solid waste facility operations to individuals who have already attended basic training.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• 2.5 hour minimum for annual renewal for ALL designations.

• Must be completed in the 12 months in-between expiration dates before you are considered late.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Repeated courses do not qualify for certification renewal or step increases.
- In-house and third party training count, provided the topic is waste-related.
- If you aren’t sure if the training you want to take will count, call and ask us before you go.
GRACE PERIOD

- There is a 90-day grace period for renewal applications
- A $25 late fee will be assessed if your complete renewal application is received within 90 days after your certification expiration date
BEYOND THE GRACE PERIOD

• If you miss the grace period, you must start over.
  • Come back to Basic Training; and
  • Take the test again
The operator’s signature shall certify:

- the information is true, complete and not misleading;
- the operator understands s/he is subject to penalties of law for false swearing; and
- the operator understands s/he is required to comply with RSA 149-M and SW Rules.
Best Management Practices for Transfer Station Operators
Universal Wastes

[Are also Hazardous Waste]
Types of NH Universal Waste

- Auto Antifreeze
- Certain Batteries
- Cathode Ray Tubes
- Certain Lamps
- Mercury-Containing Devices
- Some Pesticides
Used Auto Antifreeze

Store in a container or tank that’s in good condition and that can be closed.

May contain heavy metals and cancer-causing benzene. Antifreeze becomes acidic during its use.
Used Auto Antifreeze

Container must be labeled, contain date when first used, in secondary containment if stored out doors, and closed when not in use.

When shipping off-site, use a bill-of-lading.
Used Batteries

Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd)

Dangerous for Heavy Metals, fire hazard, and strong acids
Used Batteries

Container must be labeled, contain date when first used, in secondary containment if stored outdoors, and closed when not in use.

When shipping off-site, use a bill-of-lading.
Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) contain lead.

DON’T Break the glass!!!
Used CRTs

Container must be labeled, contain date when first used, in secondary containment if stored outdoors, and closed when not in use.
When shipping off-site using a bill-of-lading.
Types of Universal Waste Lamps

- Fluorescent
- Mercury vapor
- High pressure sodium

THEY ALL CONTAIN MERCURY!
Used Lamps

Container must be labeled, contain date when first used, in Secondary containment if stored outdoors, and closed if not in use

When shipping off-site, use a bill-of-lading
Universal Waste Lamps

Do **NOT** crush the lamps on purpose. It is illegal.
Mercury-containing devices

Thermostats
Relays
Switches
Thermometers

Store in a labeled, dated, & closed container & ship with a bill-of-lading
Some Pesticides Are Universal Wastes

The NH Department of Agriculture keeps a list of which pesticides are universal wastes.

Many pesticides are still hazardous wastes with strict regulations.
Storage of Universal waste

If you store less than a combined weight of 11,000 lbs. of universal wastes then your facility is classified as a “small quantity generator”

- 500 gal. of antifreeze [@ 8.7 lbs. per. gal.] weights approx. 4350 lbs.
- 75 car batteries [@40 lbs.] weights about 3,000 lbs.
- 75 CRTs [@40 lbs.] weights about 3,000 lbs.

If you store more than a combined weight of 11,000 lbs. of universal wastes then your facility becomes a “large quantity handler” and is subject to additional reporting requirements and regulatory over-site
Universal waste Storage

You can store these wastes for up to one year
You can store these wastes for up to two years if you:
- can prove the longer accumulation time is needed to facilitate proper recovery, and
- have a letter or contract from the destination facility confirming the reason for the longer time
- keep the letter or contract at the facility
Universal Waste Storage

Keep covered and store in secondary containment if stored **outdoors**
Don’t store antifreeze indoors, near a **floor drain**
Universal Waste Spills

Clean spills immediately

Contact DES if spill involves:
- imminent & substantial threat to humans & environment
- a violation of rules
- a violation of permit
Universal Waste Training

Train employees on proper handling.
(in-house training ok)

Teach operators:
What is the danger?
How do I handle these wastes?
Help!

Hazardous Waste Hotline
1-866-HAZWAST
1-866-429-9278
Questions
Used Oil and Filters
What is Used Oil?

- Includes – used motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid, transaxle fluid
- Hazardous waste in NH - may contain toxic metals and chemicals - source of pollution
- Used Oil for recycle - if not mixed with other substances and is “recyclable” - less strict set of rules
Whose Used Oil Can I Collect?

- **Residents**: Do it Yourselfers (DIYers)*

- **Businesses**: Only if one of the parties is a marketer AND all other requirements are met (i.e., you have a furnace/copy of analysis).

Not sure what to do? Use your BMP Manual for Guidance!

Call DES
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

Kaboom!
Options for Used Oil

- Burn in a registered (DES) used oil furnace for heat
- Picked up by an authorized used oil marketer/send to refiner
- Hire a registered HW transporter

Funding Options

- Grant money available: NH towns, MV inspection stations & nonprofit orgs
- Fee on MV registration: used for automotive waste/used oil/other recyclables

Contact DES for more information
Accepting DIY Used Oil & Filters

0 Instruct/educate residents to use closed, clear, non-leaking containers

0 Trained SW operators should transfer contents to storage containers
Storage of Used Oil

- Store in metal containers in good condition, on intact surface, and label “used oil for recycle”
- Fill pipe/funnel should be reachable (waist high)
- Outdoors - secondary containment, under a roof
- Keep containers closed except when adding/removing
Storage of Used Oil

- Post Emergency/Cleanup Information - Train employees
- Spill kit should be available
- Clean up spills right away*
  * Contact DES if >25 gals or not cleaned up immediately

Refer to Your BMP Guide
Used oil for recycle

open sides

Closed funnel

Waist high

Secondary containment

oil in see through containers

Name and address on container

Spill kit
Storage BMPs

Yes

No
Used Oil Filters

- Fully drain them - puncture or crush
- Recycle as scrap metal
- Label “Used Oil for Recycle”
Used Oil Filter Crusher
Shipment of Used Oil

- Transfer to a marketer or refiner
- Transfer to a HW transporter
- Use a bill of lading or manifest*
  Manifest: no fee if NHX1 code (used oil for recycle)
- Keep copies of records for at least 3 years
Storage Tanks Rules

- Apply to used oil, gasoline and diesel only (not virgin heating fuel)
- Register with DES/ must meet standards/ funds available
- Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs)
  - Tank > 660 gallons or combined capacity of > 1,320 gallons must register & meet AST Standards
- Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)
  - ALL USTs must register & meet UST Standards

Twenty-four 55 gallon drums = 1,320 gallons of capacity
DES encourages the collection of “Used Oil for Recycle.”

- Saves Money
- Good Service
- Good for Environment
Do we want this....? ...or this?

One pint of oil can contaminate a whole lake

NH generates 3 million gals of used oil/year

It is in your hands!
Questions?
BREAK
Best Management Practices for Transfer Station Operators

Household Sharps
Concerns

- **Sharps are sharp!** (skin punctures)
- **Infection:** Sharps can carry human and animal diseases

Who is at risk?
- facility operators
- trash collectors
- family members
- residents using the facility
Examples of Syringes & Needles
More Examples: Infusion Sets, Lancets & Scalpels
Disposal Options

In the trash:

- Use rigid, puncture-resistant containers
- Seal with tape
- Label: “MEDICAL SHARPS - NOT FOR RECYCLING”

**WARNING**! To prevent breakage, fill no more than \( \frac{3}{4} \) full.
Disposal Options

- Mail back (fee based)
- Household Hazardous Waste Collections
Specialized Collection Containers

- Protected Location
- Locked
- Labeled
- Properly Maintained
Educate Residents

- Use a detergent bottle or manufactured container.

- When 3/4 full, seal with heavy-duty tape.

- **IMPORTANT!** Never place the container in the plastics or single-steam recycling bin.

- See attendant for assistance.
Labels

- Provide labels
- Direct to labels (des.nh.gov)
Train Operators

- Don’t put sharps containers in with recycling.
- Immediately report injuries.
- Use gloves when handling sharps not in containers.
- Call DES with questions.
DES Sharps Brochure

Available on the DES website.

Do-It-Yourself Medical Sharps Container

Help us make an important point!

Proper Disposal of Personal Medical Sharps Keeps Everyone Safe!

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The Granite State Diabetes Educators has a new label designed to turn a sturdy, plastic bottle into a simple, inexpensive and SAFE container for disposing of personal medical sharps at home.

Here's a simple way to safely dispose of personal medical sharps at home:

- USE a thick-walled, sturdy plastic container with a tight-fitting screw cap, such as an empty detergent bottle.
- LABEL the container with one of the new labels or with the words, "Medical Sharps Container. Not for Recycling."
- When about half-full, SEAL the container with heavy-duty tape.
- DISPOSE OF the container in the trash. No sticks. No worries.

The Granite State Diabetes Educators has a new label designed to turn a sturdy, plastic bottle into a simple, inexpensive and SAFE container for disposing of personal medical sharps at home.

Help keep sharps from being thrown loose into the household trash or flushed down the drain.

Needle stick injuries are a serious public health risk to family members, home health providers and sanitation workers. Spent needles can carry HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, tetanus, and other blood borne diseases. Needle stick injuries cost thousands of dollars in medical testing and cause considerable stress for the injured, even when tests are negative.

A limited number of FREE labels are available from the Granite State Diabetes Educators, by contacting Liz Kennett at lizkennett@gmail.com. The labels will also be available online for printing onto Avery-type labels at www.desnh.gov.
Bottom Line

Unmanaged

Managed!
ORGANICS MANAGEMENT

Food Recovery Hierarchy

- Source Reduction
- Feed Hungry People
- Feed Animals
- Industrial Uses
- Composting
- Incineration or Landfill

Most Preferred
Least Preferred
ORGANICS MANAGEMENT

Source Reduction - Reduce over-purchasing and excess food prep waste, and reduce spoilage with proper storage.
Feed People - Provide residents with information about local pantries.
Feed Animals - Consider networking with residents and local farmers.
ORGANICS MANAGEMENT

Industrial Uses - Liquid fats, oils and greases (or FOG) can be made into cosmetics, soap, and converted into biodiesel.

Anaerobic Digestion - A system where organic wastes, including food, manure, and sewage sludge are “digested” in the absence of oxygen.

Composting - An excellent alternative to chemical fertilizers.
TO COMPOST OR NOT TO COMPOST?
WHY AND HOW?

- Do you want to reduce costs, make money, or create a sustainable community?
- Meet with residents, farmers and local business to investigate whether composting will work
- Identify who will manage the operation [can a public/private partnership work?]
- Call DES at 271-2925
Chief concerns regarding whether or not to operate a municipal compost facility are:

- Will the cost of the composting operation be greater than not composting?
- Do we generate enough food waste and feedstock [leaves, grass, etc.] to compost?
- What type of equipment is needed?
- What are the end markets?
OPTIONS?

• Encourage residents and schools to do “back-yard” composting

• Compost either at your existing facility or at another municipal site

• Use your existing facility as a collection center for food waste destined for composting off-site
SOME SPECIFICS

- Permit? - **Yes & No**, more on this later!
- Operating & Closure Plans? **Yes**, like any other solid waste facility, you’ll need to prepare or modify both plans
- Site Plan - **Yes**, you’ll need to prepare a plan of the facility.
PERMITS

- Env-Sw 600 Composting Chapter in Solid Waste Rules
- Two Types of Permit:
  - Standard Permit - generally for larger, commercial facilities
  - Permit-by-Notification - for smaller facilities
PERMIT TYPE

Standard Permit:

- A substantial application form
- Urge using professional help
- Need operating & closure plans*
- Accepting more than 30 tons of food waste per day
- Compost meat and dairy products
- Public hearing
- Background check of the applicant, key officials & employees
- Financial report
- Requires a fee
PERMIT TYPE

Permit-by-Notification (PbN):

- A much simpler application form
- Accepting less than 30 tons of food waste per day
- Require operating and closure plans*
- **Cannot** compost meat and dairy products
- No public hearing
- No financial report
- No fee
WHAT ABOUT EXISTING FACILITIES?

- If you are already permitted to accept food waste via your standard permit or PbN you can modify your operations & closure plans to accommodate the change in operations.

- PbN facilities still cannot compost meat and dairy.
STATUS OF COMPOSTING IN NH

- We have 9 permitted food composting facilities in the State

- Not all of these facilities are actively accepting food*

- Accumulation of solid waste (your operating plan needs to address this issue)

- Odors have been an issue (not just at food compost facilities)
QUESTIONS?
- Collect outside in transfer containers (dry & ready for shipping) or on ground
- If outside, cover with plastic, place in a warm, sunny area
- Check local fire codes - max 25 ft wide x 15 ft high - 25 ft fire lanes and 12 inch berms
- Indoors - comply with NFPA requirements
Why are tires a concern?

- Tires burn well & make a lot of smoke
- Burning tires emits toxic fumes and pollutes air
- Melting rubber generates oil and pollutes water and soil
- (7 gallons/tire – EPA)
- Stagnant water collects inside - breeding grounds for mosquitoes
More concerns

- Tires are expensive and difficult to dispose of.
- Landfilling tires takes up valuable space and is unstable.
- The number of tires stockpiled and generated in the U.S. exceeds the market demand for recycled tires.
Best Management Practices

- Keep equipment, cover material and other supplies nearby to control fires.
- Ship tires when the truck is full (1000 to 1500).
- If landfilling - split, quarter, or shred to prevent resurfacing.
This pile... can turn into this.
In 2012, over 308 million scrap tires were generated in United States.

N.H. municipalities can charge a fee on MV registration to be used to pay for tire disposal.

In a fire, tires can melt into an oily substance. When the fire is doused with water, the oily substance becomes runoff and pollutes surface waters.
Questions?
Recycled Glass Best Management Practices

Douglas Kemp
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Benefits of Recycling Glass

- Can be used an unlimited number of times
- Mixing recycled glass with raw glass sand:
  - Saves raw material
  - Reduces emissions
  - Uses less fuel glass
  - Reduces costs
Recycled Content in Glass Industry

- Fiberglass uses 50%
- Container glass exceeds 90%
- Bead industry uses up to 100% (blasting & reflective road striping)
Recycled Glass Industry in New England

- One glass manufacturer in New England (Massachusetts)
- Five glass processing facilities in New England
Glass Recycling Industry

- Glass manufacturers need uniform colored glass because different colored glass & types of glass have different melting temps.

- Green glass problems? Only a small number of beverage and food manufacturers use green containers. Also color matching concerns.
Recycled Glass Trivia

- **Cullet** furnace ready chipped glass
- Processing Facilities prefer to receive color sorted cullet
- It can take as few as 30 days from curbside to store shelf
- Contaminants include: color, type (window and glassware), paper, ceramics, plastic, soil, organics
- Color sorted glass can be shipped up to 200 miles
High Quality Cullet Uses

• If you separate your glass by color and type, and it’s free of contaminants:
  - Food and Beverage Containers
  - Kitchenware
  - Art work and Jewelry
  - Abrasives (blasting and sand paper)
  - Aggregate Substitutes
  - Fiberglass
Low Quality Cullet Uses

• If contaminated -
  - Aggregate for road use
  - Concrete pavements
  - Abrasives
  - A substitute for sand
  - Matches and Ammunition
  - Reflective Paint for Highways
  - Brick and Blocks
  - Landscaping
  - Countertops and Flooring
  - Drainage projects
Processed Glass Aggregate [PGA]

- Certified Waste-Derived Product for Processed Glass Aggregate (PGA) or Construction Aggregate in 1999
  - Used in public works projects as sub-base for roads, pipe bedding, and retaining walls
  - Cannot be applied to the ground surface & left uncovered as a final application
  - Can be used in private projects with a NH professional engineer’s approval
  - Total of 9 specifications/restrictions
  - 100% of PGA must pass 1” screen
  - Cannot be used alone [general fill]
Glass Crushing for PGA

- NRRA has established “Host Sites” in NH, including: Goffstown, Hopkinton, Keene, Littleton, New London, Wakefield; and Springfield VT
- Municipalities can purchase their own glass crusher
- Be prepared to make repairs
Glass Storage

- How you manage your glass will determine its use
- Storing glass on a gravel surface can contaminate the pile and limit your outlets
- Mixing glass by color, by type, with ceramics will limit your outlets
Glass Storage

- If not single-streaming your glass, encourage your residents to separate their glass by color, type, and from other recyclables.
- Use signs to direct your residents to the glass recycling area.
- You must actively manage your glass stockpile.
- If you need long-term storage for DPW use then add language in your operations plan explaining your storage needs.
Glass Handling

When handling glass, wear protective clothing such as boots, gloves and safety glasses.
Final Notes

- The biggest roadblock to PGA use is public perception.
- Glass free of contaminants is worth more to a glass processing facility and can be hauled further than contaminated glass (up to 200 miles).
- *Glass cannot be used as general fill*
Final Notes - Success Stories

- PGA has been used in NH as aggregate in municipal projects for more than 20 years
- PGA - used with gravel in beneath class 5 roads, around pipes, under sidewalks, and foundation drains
- Municipalities using PGA: Meredith, Goffstown, Tuftonboro, New London, Wakefield, Henniker
Questions?
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