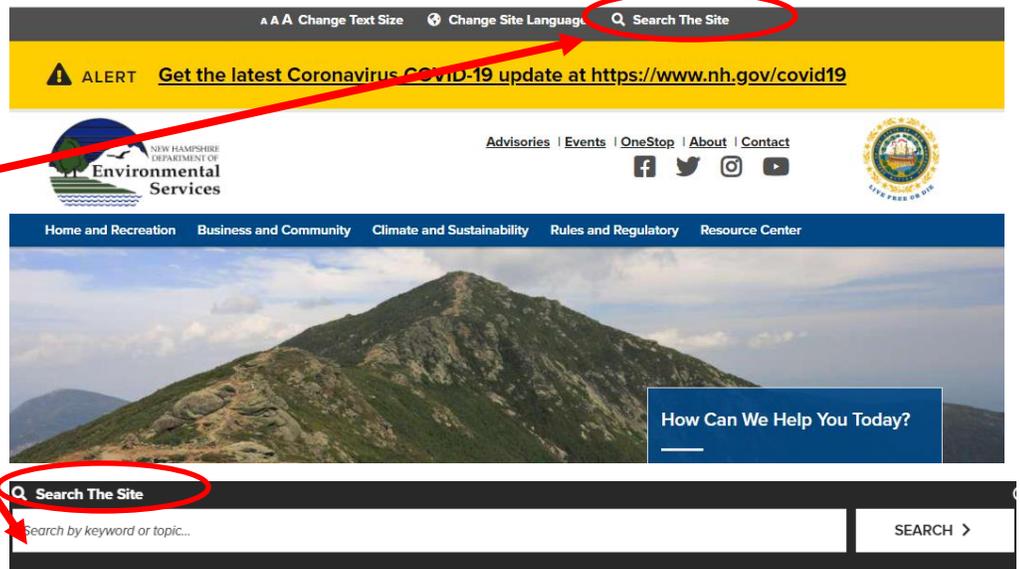




NHDES has a New Website!

As you may or may not know, NHDES has a shiny new website. It is still located at des.nh.gov, but it has a whole new look and navigation. We wanted share with you some helpful tips to find all of the SQG (and other NHDES) information you need.

One helpful way to start your search for information is to utilize “Search This Site” located at the very top right of the page. A box will drop down and you can type in key words such as Small Quantity Generator or SQG and a number of results for that search will pop up. If you click on the link titled “Small Quantity Generators,” it will



take you to the SQG main page where you can find links to all of the forms and documents you need.

Take Charge of Your Batteries!

NHDES and USEPA have put together resources to help businesses and consumers manage waste batteries properly. All batteries, even those that are spent, have the potential to carry a charge and if the terminals touch each other or other metal, it could cause a spark, emit smoke and potentially start a fire. In fact, there has been an uptick of fires at solid waste facilities and in vehicles hauling solid waste that can mostly be traced back to improper disposal of batteries, especially lithium and lithium ion batteries. NHDES created a [poster](#) and featured battery management in its [GREENWorks](#) blog to bring awareness to this issue. USEPA has created a set of [webpages](#), which includes a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section.



New Feature!

Our Hazardous Waste Coordinator Trainers came up with a quick way to explain the reason why hazardous waste generators are required to do things a certain way to remain in compliance with the rules and to manage waste in the safest way. They call it: “Tell me why...?” We will be featuring different questions and answers in *SQG News*.

Tell me why...?

...are all containers of hazardous waste required to be labeled with the words “hazardous waste”?

1. So that site employees and emergency responders (fire company) know what the stuff is and can quickly identify it as dangerous.
2. So you and your employees don't confuse it with other materials and accidentally mix them.

Tell me why...?

...are all containers of hazardous waste required to be labeled with its contents in “layman's terms”?

1. So that site employees and emergency responders know what the stuff is quickly and easily.

Tell me why...?

...must the labels be visible?

1. In an emergency, no fireman will be able to turn a full drum to read what the label says – same applies for you and your employees.

Compliance Corner

When filling out your SQG Self-Certification Form, if you check “no” for section D.4 (see below), you should not send the form in until you have completed your hazardous waste determinations. NHDES has created a [fact sheet](#) to help you complete this section.

4. **Waste Determination (Env-Hw 502.01):** Generators must review all wastes created at their business and document whether they are hazardous waste or not. These determinations should be done at the point the material is no longer usable and determined to be a waste, **prior** to any treatment or mixing with other material.

Does your facility maintain written hazardous waste determinations, including analytical results, safety data sheets (SDSs), generator and/or process knowledge, for all wastes disposed of at your facility?

Yes No*

*** If no, please make sure you have adequate waste determinations and that they are documented before completing and returning this form.**

CONTACT US

If there is something you would like to read more about such as: developing a regulatory checklist, reporting on episodic events, used oil recycling, pharmaceutical waste, or other topics of interest, please feel free to provide feedback to NHPPP@des.nh.gov.

