



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](#).

Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications: Processing Guide for City and Town Clerks

A summary of city/town clerk responsibilities for shoreland or wetlands permit applications can be found in the revised guidance document [Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications: Processing Guide for City and Town Clerks](#).

Public Hearing & Comment Period – Application for Expansion of the Mt. Carberry Secure Landfill

NHDES is seeking public comments on an application from Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District (AVRRDD) to expand the Mount Carberry Secure Landfill located in Success, NH. A public hearing to receive oral testimony on this application has been scheduled for **December 16, 2021, beginning at 6 PM**. The public comment period for this application is scheduled to close on **January 7, 2022**. Additional details can be found in the [Notice of Public Hearing](#).

Funds Available Through Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Program

NHDES has approximately \$800,000 of funding available through the EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) program. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is for a new funding opportunity administered by NHDES through the State Clean Diesel Grant Program. This program provides partial funding for local/state governments and businesses operating in New Hampshire to reduce emissions through idle reduction technologies and/or replacement of older on- or off-road diesel engines/vehicles/equipment. Under this RFP, applications will be accepted through **December 17 at 4 PM**. For more information, visit the [NH State Clean Diesel Program webpage](#).

2022-2023 Drinking Water Works Operator License Renewal

Drinking Water Operator License renewals are due by **December 31, 2021**. The [NH Water Works Operator Certification Renewal](#) Form can be found on our Online Form System. Applications received after December 31 will result in a \$25 late fee. The [Water Works Operator Certification Late Renewal Application](#) can also be found on our Online Forms Portal. For more about Water Works Operator Certification, see the [certification webpage](#).

Water Works Operator Certification Exams

Drinking Water Operator Certification examinations will be held on Tuesday, **April 22, 2022** and Tuesday, **December 6, 2022**, at NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord. Applications for the exam are due 30 days prior to the examination. There is also an option to take a computer-based exam for Grades I-IV at various locations throughout the state at any time. For more about Water Works Operator Certification, see the [certification webpage](#).

Funding Opportunity Announcement: NH VW Environmental Mitigation Trust DCFC Infrastructure RFP

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the designated lead agency for the implementation of programs and projects funded by the Volkswagen (VW) Environmental Mitigation Trust, has posted a notice regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) questions and an extension of the proposal due date to **January 28, 2022** for the NH VW Environmental Mitigation Trust DCFC Infrastructure RFP to the NHDES website. For more information, see the [RFP notice](#). The RFP seeks qualified applicant(s) to install EVSE and provide associated operations, maintenance and management services for such EVSE along specified corridors in New Hampshire. The objective of this RFP is to receive qualified proposals for the installation, operation and maintenance of EVSE along the specified corridors. Funding for this solicitation is provided by New Hampshire's Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust and is consistent with the New Hampshire Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. For more information about the RFP, visit the [Volkswagen Mitigation Trust webpage](#).

Do you know what your Solid Waste Facility Manager Should Know About Managing the Town's SW Permit(s)?

The NHDES Solid Waste Operator Training & Certification Program has developed a series of Facility Manager Level Classes to assist those operators with compliance issues as well as set their facility up for success. So far, there are three classes available, two of which are recorded and one with a series of tools and resources available online. [Part I](#) identifies recordkeeping, reporting and permit requirements; [Part II](#) covers full cost accounting for municipal solid

waste facilities (see SWOT Webpage for the Excel spreadsheets); and [Part III](#) covers all post-closure care for landfills including monitoring and maintenance requirements. For information on all three of these classes as well as the full SWOT Curriculum, please visit the [SWOT Webpage](#). For more information, please contact Tara Mae Albert at Tara.M.Albert@des.nh.gov or [\(603\) 271-3713](tel:6032713713).

Do you need a Shoreland Permit?

The [Shoreland Program Permit Guidance Tool](#) was designed to help owners determine if a shoreland permit is required for a project.

Information for Used Oil Burners

Often, municipal transfer stations and public works departments will heat their buildings with used oil that has either been collected from Do-It-Yourselfers or generated at the facility. If any of your municipal facilities burn used oil fuel for heat, you are required to notify NHDES of this activity. The [notification form](#) can be found on the [Used Oil Management Program website](#).

Financial Assistance for Heating Oil Tank Replacements

NHDES is looking to increase awareness of the [Safetank program](#) among New Hampshire cities and towns. This nearly 20-year-old program provides eligible homeowners assistance of up to \$2,250 for the replacement of an aboveground heating oil tank if they meet the definition of “low-income” as defined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Page 5 of the [Safetank application](#) contains the current income eligibility requirements. The program also has funding to assist low-income homeowners with the removal of residential underground heating oil tanks. Please keep this program in mind for residents of your communities who may need the assistance. For more information please contact: Genevieve Al-Egaily at Genevieve.Al-Egaily@des.nh.gov or [\(603\) 271-3577](tel:6032713577), or Erik Paddleford at Erik.Paddleford@des.nh.gov or [\(603\) 271-3431](tel:6032713431).

2019-2020 NH Coastal Flood Risk Summary – Training Videos

The NHDES Coastal Program, in partnership with UNH Extension and NH Sea Grant, has released two short videos summarizing the [2019-2020 NH Coastal Flood Risk Summary](#). The [first video](#) summarizes key findings from the [Part I: Science](#) report, which provides an overview of best available science related to coastal flooding in New Hampshire and includes updated projections of sea-level rise, coastal storms, groundwater rise, extreme precipitation and freshwater flooding. The [second video](#) summarizes the [Part II: Guidance for Using Scientific Projections](#) report, which provides guiding principles and a seven-step process for incorporating the latest coastal flood risk projections into planning, regulatory, and site-specific projects and decisions. Both videos are available on the [NHDES YouTube Channel](#) and were funded, in part, by NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management under the Coastal Zone Management Act in conjunction with the NHDES Coastal Program.

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