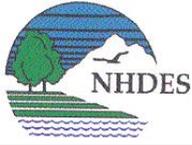


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DES Announces First Members of Aspiring Leaders Program

Program Promotes Environmental Leadership

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) announces the entry of the first five members of its *Aspiring Leaders* program. North American Specialty Insurance, Manchester; NH Ball Bearings, HiTech Division, Peterborough; NH Ball Bearings, Astro Division, Laconia; EnviroSystems, Inc., Hampton; and Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc., Bennington make up this initial group.

Aspiring Leaders is a program to encourage better environmental performance, beyond the minimums required in laws and regulations. These companies have taken on goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; electricity, fuel, and water use; and to mentor a high school environmental club. They will be reporting on the tangible results of this work and the results will be made public. Any organization, public or private, in New Hampshire is welcome to apply. Information is available at www.des.nh.gov/eli.

DES Commissioner Tom Burack said, “By making a public commitment to work with us to move toward better environmental performance, these companies are making New Hampshire a better place to live and work. I offer them my thanks and congratulations.”

Of the companies entering *Aspiring Leaders* this week, three are manufacturers, one is a testing laboratory, and one is the manager and owner of a Manchester office building.

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