



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 (DES). We respectfully request that the following is read into the minutes of your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well.

DES Coastal Program Accepting Grant Applications

The New Hampshire Coastal Program is currently accepting applications for its 2009 competitive grant round. Through federal funding, NHCP enables projects that address coastal resources, like water quality protection, education and public access. Grants are offered on a competitive basis to eligible applicants, and at least a one to one match is required. No more than \$40,000 will be awarded to any construction or land acquisition project, and no more than \$30,000 will be awarded for any planning or management project. For more information, please go to the Coastal Program page at www.des.nh.gov.

New Alteration of Terrain Rules

New Alteration of Terrain rules have been adopted and are effective as of January 1, 2009. The new rules, identified as Env-Wq 1500, supersede the rules in Env-Ws 415 for all applications filed after January 1, 2009 and for any application filed prior to January 1, 2009 that is not complete as of that date. Any complete application filed prior to January 1, 2009 will be reviewed under the standards of Env-Ws 415. DES plans to form an advisory work group to discuss and finalize the antidegradation section and how it will be implemented. If you are interested in being on this work group, please email Jillian McCarthy at jillian.mccarthy@des.nh.gov.

Asbestos Rules Certified

Administrative Rules Env-A 1800 have been certified. Please be advised that asbestos inspections must be conducted prior to any building renovation and/or demolition. Contact the DES Air Resources Division, (603) 271-1370, or go to the Administrative Rules page at www.des.nh.gov for more information.

If Your Municipality has an Emergency Generator, It May Require an Air Permit

The "General State Permit for Internal Combustion Engines Used as Emergency Generators" was reestablished this year, and requests for registration were due to DES in July. Emergency generators are commonly used at municipal installations, such as water treatment plants, pump stations, police and fire stations. Permitting requirements are stated in Administrative Rule Env-A 600, found at www.des.nh.gov. If you think your town or city requires a permit, please review the regulations, and contact Barbara Dorfschmidt, (603) 271-6796 or barbara.dorfschmidt@des.nh.gov.

Keep TVs Out of Landfills

While the switch to high definition television broadcasting is fast approaching, remind your residents **now** that they do **not** have to replace their televisions; they need only obtain a converter box. For more information about recycling e-waste or other solid waste issues, please contact Don Maurer at (603) 271-3713 or donald.maurer@des.nh.gov.

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