



The Municipal EcoLink

An e-bulletin from the NH Department of Environmental Services

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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](#)

Pre-application for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater and Non-point Sources

NHDES is soliciting pre-applications for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program. The SRF program is a low interest loan program that assists communities with the planning, design and construction of eligible water pollution control infrastructure projects; and public water systems with the cost of improving drinking water infrastructure. **All Pre-Applications are due by Friday July 1st (4pm).**

The CWSRF Pre-application is available at:

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/srf_preapp.doc

DWSRF Pre-Application is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DWSRF2016Preapp>

For more information on CWSRF Beth Malcolm at 271-2978 or beth.malcolm@des.nh.gov and for DWSRF, contact Johnna McKenna at 271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov

Leak Detection Survey Grants NOW AVAILABLE

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau is now accepting applications for the Community Water System Leak Detection Survey Grant. This grant is open to all community water systems in New Hampshire, and selected applicants will receive a **free** leak detection survey by a professional leak detection specialist during the 2017 field season. These surveys are an important way of discovering leaks on a system's water mains, service lines, hydrants, and valves. The application is available at

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/water_conservation/index.htm under 'Hot Topics.' Applications are due by July 15, 2016. Please contact Kelsey Vaughn (kelsey.vaughn@des.nh.gov, 603-271-0659) if you have any questions.

Lead in Drinking Water Information

The NHDES Lead in Drinking Water web page (<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/lead-drinking-water.htm>) is now accessible via the A to Z list (and on various other DES pages) and an FAQs document is available at the top of the page. Again, if you receive inquiries from the general public, please direct them to these resources.

Fire Fighter Training Activity Requirements

NHDES wishes to remind local fire departments planning training burns that there are specific requirements for removal of asbestos and other hazardous materials prior to the training burn. In addition, there are specific notification requirements for this activity. Specifically, an inspection for any asbestos containing materials must be performed and all asbestos containing materials must be removed prior to the burn. A trained inspector must complete the asbestos inspection and a licensed abatement contractor must remove the asbestos under controlled conditions. Also, mercury containing devices, household hazardous materials, and furnishings must be removed prior to the burn. These measures are necessary to protect fire fighters and the general public from exposure to hazardous materials. A written notification must be submitted to the Town and NHDES 10 days in advance of any asbestos abatement (if present) and also 10 days prior to the training burn. For assistance please contact Tom Guertin or Steve Cullinane at 271-1373 or 271-0907. You can also find additional information on fire fighter training requirements, including lists of consultants, abatement contractors, and notification forms at the following links:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/npsap/firefighter-training.htm>

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/ams/index.htm>

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/npsap/documents/open-burn-firefight-train.pdf>

New Wastewater Education Award

NHDES has a new award program for individuals, groups or municipalities who are educating the public about wastewater issues. The award will be announced at the NHWPCA spring trade show in 2017. [Nomination Form for the Award for Outstanding Public Outreach in Wastewater – Deadline February 1, 2017.](#)

Link = <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/nhdes-w-09-051.doc>

Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards for PFOA and PFOS

Effective May 31, 2016, NHDES adopted Emergency Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS) for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) based on Health Advisory levels established by EPA. The Emergency AGQS were needed to enable the Department to require responsible parties to remediate contaminated groundwater or otherwise provide safe drinking water to the properties in New Hampshire whose drinking water has been or may be affected by PFOA and/or PFOS contamination. The emergency AGQS will expire on November 27, 2016 unless readopted prior to that date. NHDES thus is proposing to readopt the emergency rules as regular rules so that the AGQS for PFOA and PFOS will remain in place. The proposed rules will be posted at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#poil>.

New OneStop Data Mapper

NHDES is pleased to announce the new OneStop Data Mapper, an easy-to-use, interactive mapping tool displaying environmental data. The new tool replaces the existing OneStop Web GIS viewer and is maintained by NHDES and NH GRANIT. Access the Mapper through the OneStop GIS website at <http://www2.des.state.nh.us/gis/onestop/>

Collecting Environmental Data?

NHDES houses environmental data such as river, lake, ambient air, biological, and habitat assessments in a central database. If you collect or are planning to collect data, consider connecting with us! Data in our central database is available to staff and the public, may be used in waterbody assessments, is backed up regularly to prevent data loss, and is available on our data mapper. We can also provide pre-collection technical and planning support. For more information please contact Melanie Titus at melanie.titus@des.nh.gov

Updated Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management

The NHDES Soak Up the Rain NH program recently updated the *New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management*. The guide contains step-by-step instructions for ten different practices that can be used on small sites to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution. <http://soaknh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/NH-Homeowner-Guide-2016.pdf>

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