New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
State Pretreatment Update

2016 New England Pretreatment Coordinators Workshop
Industrial Permitting Activity

• NH is not a delegated state for the NPDES program.
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• 13 local POTWs in NH have approved pretreatment programs, acting as the Control Authority (CA) for 40 CFR Part 403 implementation.
• EPA Region 1 is the Approval Authority for the entire state, and the CA for the other 41 non-approved POTWs.
State rules (Env-Wq 305) only provide for DES to authorize a local POTW to issue a permit (control mechanism) to an industrial user – no permit is issued directly by DES.

Authorization to permit is granted by approval of an Indirect Discharge Request (IDR), submitted by the industrial user through the local POTW.
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• In the last twelve months, 23 IDR approvals have been issued by DES.
• These approvals were for 13 new discharges and 10 modifications to existing discharges.
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• Major industry expansion at General Electric Aviation in Hooksett, Contitech Thermopol in Somersworth and Freudenberg-NOK in Bristol.
• New landfill leachate pretreatment system in Rochester to replace older system.
• Several new micro-breweries around the state.
• Major investment in pretreatment by the Woodstock Inn Brewery in Woodstock and Smuttynose Brewery in Hampton to reduce impact on the local POTWs.
Pretreatment Regulatory Activity

- DES is still working with the NH Business & Industry Association (BIA) on the matter of certification (licensing) for industrial wastewater and pretreatment operators.
- In anticipation of the final EPA Dental Amalgam Rule, DES has begun to develop an on-line interactive map of dental practices in the state.
- DES continues to perform our EPA mandated pretreatment audit and two compliance inspections out of the 13 approved pretreatment programs each year.
- DES attempts to perform pretreatment inspections at an additional 12 non-approved POTWs and 16 industrial users each year.
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