

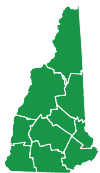
WHO IS INVOLVED?

Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire co-sponsor the project. The NHC3UA utilizes the expertise of personnel at each institution when dealing with environmental, biological, chemical, or radiological health, and safety issues.



Other NHC3UA members include the colleges and universities participating in the New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC). These institutions include:

- Chester College of New England
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Daniel Webster College
- Dartmouth College
- Franklin Pierce College
- Granite State College
- Keene State College
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences - Manchester
- New England College
- New Hampshire Community Technical Colleges
- New Hampshire Institute of Art
- Plymouth State University
- Rivier College
- Saint Anselm College
- Southern New Hampshire University
- University of New Hampshire



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RESOURCES

NHC3UA Website:

<https://nhc3ua.sr.unh.edu/>

University of New Hampshire Office of Environmental Health and Safety

11 Leavitt Lane, Perpetuity Hall
Durham, NH 03824
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<http://www.unh.edu/ehs>

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37 Dewey Field Road, HB 6216
Hanover, NH 03755

603-646-1762

www.dartmouth.edu/~ehs/

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

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Concord, NH 03302

603-271-2867

<http://www.des.state.nh.us/>

United States Environmental Protection Agency

US EPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building

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Washington, DC 20460

New England Region: 888-372-7341

<http://www.epa.gov>

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NHC3UA

New Hampshire College and University Compliance Assistance Cooperative Program

From the White Mountains to the Isle of Shoals, New Hampshire has always been a destination or home to those who appreciate the State's abundant natural beauty and a quality of life that ranks among the best in the United States. The "New Hampshire Advantage" also includes a unique public/private partnership that encourages innovation, imagination, and a willingness to help others with common needs in true Yankee spirit.

Maintaining our quality of life and the New Hampshire Advantage faces numerous challenges including a population growth rate twice the average of our New England neighbors¹. New Hampshire's heritage is entrusted in part to its colleges and universities to educate a future generation of citizens. As communities within communities, New Hampshire's colleges and universities are stewards and models for environmental protection and innovation—from waste reduction to energy conservation, alternative fuels and a lessened impact on natural resources.

In 2005, Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire created a partnership to embody the innovation, resourcefulness and willingness to help others that makes life here special. The New Hampshire College and University Compliance Assistance Cooperative (NHC3UA) helps lower the barriers in occupational and environmental compliance in higher education. It also helps to redefine the traditional boundaries of community to extend this help to surrounding secondary schools, public and private enterprises.

¹ *New Hampshire's Changing Landscape 2005* Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

The NHC3UA represents a first of its kind partnership in the United States where public and private institutions of all sizes are working together with local, state and federal government to share ideas, resources and expertise in a non-exclusive cooperative dedicated to public service.

BACKGROUND

Since the mid-1990's colleges and universities in New England have faced increased scrutiny by the Environmental Protection Agency and various state and local environmental agencies for compliance with a myriad of air, water and hazardous waste regulations.

As the result of on-site inspections, the EPA proposed penalties to various New England Colleges and Universities. The proposed fines resulted in many individual environmental projects and abatements at the affected institutions. At the same time, non-inspected schools have tried to make sense of the requirements while having limited resources and technical experts to offer expert advice.

Over the last six years, Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire have worked to help one another with their environmental health and safety programs. Working in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, this partnership has led to substantial changes in the New Hampshire hazardous waste rules that were once more onerous for higher education.

Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire are now working in unison to share technical and informational resources with the member schools of the New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC). Together, they have formed the New Hampshire College and University Compliance Assistance Cooperative (NHC3UA) program.

MISSION

Technical experts from Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire will conduct on-site audits at each of the 16 schools that belong to the New Hampshire College and University Council. The audit results will be measured against local, state and federal environmental regulatory requirements. Program areas that need improvement will be identified and goals established. If necessary, environmental engineers will be hired in order to certify compliance. It is anticipated that the three-year project will result in substantial cost savings to these institutions by avoiding large fines.

The NHC3UA believes that the member schools will gain public recognition that good environmental management inevitably saves money through resource conservation and improved efficiency. Also, "green" initiatives will be promoted whenever possible.

CORPORATE SUPPORTERS



GOALS

The NHC3UA will develop a cohesive, integrated Environmental Management System (EMS) for all the colleges and universities throughout New Hampshire using a common set of goals and objectives.

Our stakeholders, the member institutions of the New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC), could then use the EMS as a model and refine, adopt, and integrate the elements of the EMS program for their individual campuses. Key aspects of the EMS would include hazardous materials source reduction and substitution, emergency planning, transportation demand management, sustainable purchasing guidelines and strategies, environmental compliance, food safety, and integrated solid waste management.

The NHC3UA website will act as an information clearinghouse and virtual library on regulatory compliance for occupational and environmental standards. Longer-term projects include delivering online training in specific regulatory areas, providing updates on recent regulatory changes and listing the accomplishments of the consortium.

The activities of the individual colleges and universities will provide many opportunities for volunteer student participation in accomplishing stakeholder goals such as recycling and Energy Star initiatives, "lights out" campaigns for energy conservation, or even student projects that go beyond environmental theory by tackling real, practical problems.

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