

## WHO IS INVOLVED?

Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire co-sponsor the project. The NHC3UA draws upon the expertise of the health and safety personnel at each institution.



Other NHC3UA members include members of the New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC). These institutions include:

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



## 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  
603-862-4041  
<http://unh.edu/ehs>

### Dartmouth College Office of Environmental Health and Safety

37 Dewey Field Road, HB 6216  
Hanover, NH 03755  
603-646-1762  
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~ehs>

### New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

29 Hazen Drive/ P.O. Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302  
603-271-3503  
<http://www.des.state.nh.us>

### United States Environmental Protection Agency

EPA New England  
1 Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
New England Region: 888-372-7341  
<http://www.epa.gov/region01/index.html>

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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 its natural beauty and a quality of life that ranks among the best in the United States. Preserving New Hampshire's resources faces numerous challenges including a population growth rate twice the average of our New England neighbors<sup>1</sup>.

New Hampshire's colleges and universities are trustees of the State's environmental heritage and its future. Through teaching and research, higher education prepares future generations to serve as New Hampshire's future business, civic and cultural leaders. As communities within communities, New Hampshire's colleges and universities are ideally suited to be stewards and models for environmental protection and innovation; from waste reduction to energy conservation, alternative fuels to sustainable management.

The New Hampshire College and University Compliance Assistance Cooperative (NHC3UA) Program was established specifically to address the environmental health and safety responsibilities of higher education in New Hampshire, including the barriers in occupational and environmental compliance. The NHC3UA partnership embodies the innovation, resourcefulness and willingness to help others that makes life here in New Hampshire special. It also helps to redefine the traditional boundaries of community to extend this help to surrounding secondary schools, public and private enterprises.

<sup>1</sup> *New Hampshire's Changing Landscape 2005* Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

## BACKGROUND

Today, higher education faces increased scrutiny by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and state environmental agencies to ensure compliance with the myriad of air, water and hazardous waste regulations that apply to an academic institution.

For nearly a decade, Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire have assisted one another with their environmental health and safety programs.

In 2005, Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire created a partnership 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. The NHC3UA (or simply the Cooperative) serves as a clearinghouse for information on occupational and environmental health and safety for higher education in New Hampshire. Today, this effort is expanding to include secondary schools as well.

The NHC3UA acknowledges the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and several corporate sponsors for their ongoing support of the Cooperative.

## MISSION

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

## GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Environmental Health & Safety professionals from Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire provide on-site consultation at participating institutions to help identify compliance concerns. Long-term goals of the Coop include training, information, assistance and advocacy for regulatory improvement, promoting “green” initiatives and the eventual development of a cohesive, integrated and statewide Environmental Management System (EMS) for higher education.

In its first three-years, the Coop has already made a difference in improving the health and safety initiatives at its member schools. These include compliance program development, facility planning and renovation projects, promoting energy conservation and a variety of training programs.

The NHC3UA believes that member schools will benefit from the simple fact that good environmental management inevitably saves money through resource conservation, improved efficiency and risk reduction.

## RECOGNITION

In April 2007, Robert Varney (Commissioner, USEPA Region One) presented Dartmouth College and the University of New Hampshire with an Environmental Merit Award for the creation of the NHC3UA.

In July 2007, the NHC3UA received an Award of Recognition in the Unique or Innovative program category by the Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association.

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