



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Clark B. Freise, Assistant Commissioner

**Invitation to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Annual Drinking Water Source Protection Conference**

**May 18, 2017 in Concord, New Hampshire
(Grappone Conference Center)**

Clean drinking water is vital to public health and the potential for future economic development. Even very small quantities of contaminating substances in lakes, rivers, or aquifers can limit their use as sources of clean drinking water. Local land use policy, open space planning, and conservation tailored to protecting these resources promote public health and ensure a long-term supply of clean drinking water. Consequently, there are important roles for local officials to play in protecting currently operating public water systems as well as water resources that can serve as future sources of drinking water. Each year, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) convenes a conference concerning how to protect local drinking water resources that is designed for local planners, conservation commissioners, water supply managers, and other local leaders. This conference has become the largest drinking water "source protection" event in New England and is the only statewide event focused solely on how to protect local sources of drinking water.

Policymakers, scientists, water supply managers, and local officials will present their work and views on a range of topics that include PFCs and other emerging contaminants, land conservation and its benefits to drinking water source protection, a status of the drought and efforts to manage impacts, sessions that discuss the challenges of toxic cyanobacteria for drinking water sources, and many more interesting source protection topics. There is also time allowed to network with other community leaders, speakers, exhibitors, and state/federal officials throughout the day.



This event is held in partnership with the **American Ground Water Trust**, based in Concord, NH. Please circulate this invitation to others as appropriate. You can **register** for the conference by visiting the American Ground Water Trust's website, <https://agwt.org/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=239>. The event fee is \$60 and includes lunch and refreshments.

If you have any questions, please contact myself (Pierce Rigrod) at NHDES (271-0688, Pierce.Laskey-Rigrod@des.nh.gov) or Win Saltmarsh at the American Ground Water Trust (228-5444, wsaltmarsh@agwt.org).

Sincerely,

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