



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Re: **Draft Timeline: College and Universities #2 – November 30, 2003**

Dear Ms. Snow:

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) has begun to develop a solid waste environmental management plan aimed at making UNH a more “green” or environmentally friendly campus. Although campus departments currently manage a number of solid waste streams in an effective manner, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) has proposed to develop partnerships with these groups (and the rest of the campus community) to create an integrated approach to waste management. These partnerships will help foster interaction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and will show that UNH is willing to work with the NHDES Waste Management Division to help implement the goals and objectives included in the State of New Hampshire Solid Waste Plan prepared by NHDES in April, 2003.

In order to develop this plan, a group of key players will be assembled to consider the direction and goals for the management plan. The group will be asked to consider ways to minimize several different types of waste generated at the University, including:

1. Abandoned property waste;
2. Agricultural waste;
3. Chemical waste;
4. Construction/demolition waste;
5. Electronic waste;
6. Food waste;
7. Infectious waste;
8. Municipal solid waste (MSW);
9. Non-hazardous, non-MSW waste;
10. Storm water waste;
11. Universal waste; and
12. Yard/roadside waste.

When completed, the environmental management plan is expected to reduce the number of costly waste shipments, reduce the volume of the solid waste stream, reduce the toxicity of the solid waste stream, increase environmental awareness, assure that solid waste management activities are conducted in a manner protective of human health and the environment, increase recycling efforts, and promote environmental stewardship at the University.

The first meeting of this group will be on December 12, 2003. This group will consist of campus community members who are actively responsible for waste management at UNH, media relations, environmental health and safety, student government, other administrative personnel and representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 603-862-2571.

Sincerely,

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Cc: John Aber, UNH Vice President for Research and Public Service
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