



UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE

SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Title: Solid Waste and Environmental Management Program (SWEMP)

Purpose: The SWEMP has been written to address regulatory compliance, continual improvement, and pollution prevention activities at the University of New Hampshire (UNH).

Scope: In direct support of the University of New Hampshire's commitment to sustainability and protection of human health and the environment, the SWEMP encourages all members of the university community to actively pursue controlling solid waste streams through the implementation of initiatives designed to minimize volume, toxicity, and physical impact to the environment.

Responsibility and Authority: The SWEMP has been endorsed by the UNH President's Office and is responsible for evaluating and recommending minimization strategies for the various solid waste streams at UNH. These waste streams include, but are not limited to the following: abandoned property waste; agricultural waste; biohazardous/infectious waste; construction/demolition waste; electronic waste; food waste; hazardous chemical waste; municipal solid waste (MSW); radioactive waste; storm water waste; universal waste; and yard waste.

Commitment to Continual Improvement: The UNH is committed to regularly assessing and evaluating new and improved ways to minimize the volume, toxicity, and physical impact of the solid waste streams identified by the SWEMP.

Commitment to Prevention of Pollution: The SWEMP is expected to reduce the volume of the solid waste stream, reduce the toxicity of the solid waste stream, increase re-use and recycling efforts, and promote pollution prevention at the University.

Commitment to Regulatory Compliance: UNH is committed to complying with all federal, state, and local regulations. The State of New Hampshire's waste management laws (Env-Wm 110-1000) govern the management of chemical, biological, electronic, universal, municipal, and other wastes in the State. The State of New Hampshire's Bureau of Radiological Health regulates the handling and disposal of radioactive waste.

Additional Requirements: The SWEMP is expected to reduce the financial burden of managing the solid waste streams and will help to assure that solid waste management activities are conducted in a manner protective of human health and the environment. The SWEMP will also promote and enhance the University's leadership role in the community by showing a commitment to the health and well being of future generations and the environment.

Plan and Process Review: Representatives from the UNH Office of Environmental Health and Safety, Office of Sustainability, Facilities Design and Construction, Media Relations, and departments and organizations that generate waste will review the SWEMP on a regular basis.

Procedure to Communicate the Plan: The SWEMP will be posted on the UNH Office of Environmental Health and Safety's website. Meeting notices and other updates will be posted on the website as they occur. UNH Media Relations will be notified to convey appropriate information to the public.

Reference and Resources

- UNH Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- UNH Laboratory Safety Plan
- UNH Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory