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We are pleased to be partnering with the NH Municipal Association (NHMA), NH Water Pollution Control Association, and NH Department of Environmental Services to share information about our sector with NHMA's 230+ municipality membership. Through a series of short bi-weekly electronic NewsLinks and more in-depth, bi-monthly printed and electronic Town & City articles, we will raise awareness of and engagement with public water services among municipal leaders, administrators, and managers. In addition to these communications, we plan to present

two webinars with NHMA, one focused on drinking water and one on clean water, in 2022.

Public water infrastructure and operations are society's most hidden critical services. By sharing information and useful actions with local decision makers, we will implement our core strategy to address issues ranging from leadership support to ratepayer engagement, to attracting new workers.

NewsLink articles are published in our weekly emails and at [NHMA](#), and archived on the [WIN WITH WATER](#)

page on our website. Use these links to read latest versions of NHMA's bi-weekly [NewsLink](#) and their bi-monthly flagship publication [Town & City](#). We plan to produce Win With Water! through 2022, and hope you find it helpful. Please [email Boyd](#) if you have any suggestions, including what would help you better connect with your local community partners.



Join Us for our Annual Meeting

March 24, 12:00 Noon- 12:30 PM, Virtual Meeting

The Association will provide updates on prior year highlights and current year plans, including financial status. Time will be provided to address audience questions and suggestions. Attendance is FREE, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register for the Annual Meeting.](#)

Infrastructure Funding Newsflash! The White House Office of Public Engagement has scheduled a series of webinars on the various programs included in the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA). **Webinars are free to attend, but registration is required.**

Water: [Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 4pm-5pm ET - Register Here](#)

Resilience: [Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 4pm-5pm ET - Register Here](#)

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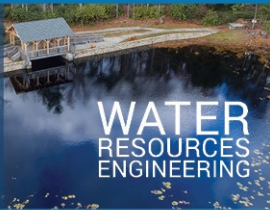


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Legislative Update

Most of the House bills impacting public water are heard and voted on by the House Resources, Recreation and Development (HRRD) Committee. The Association has monitored over a dozen pieces of legislation and provided written and oral testimony on more than half of these, working together with NHDESS, NH Water Pollution Control Association, and NH Municipal Association.

As expected, many of the bills are related to PFAS contamination and standards. While we all agree that public health is our top priority, much of the proposed legislation bypasses established, science-based procedures to set risk-based treatment standards. We consistently took the position, supported by most Committee members, that established processes allowing NHDES to set regulatory standards are preferred to a legislative fix.

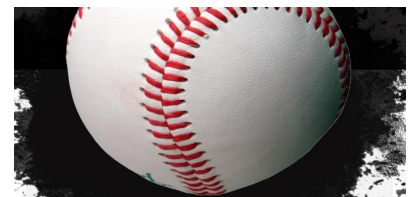
We understand the dismay and fear experienced by members of the public that suddenly find their water contaminated but will continue to support science-based standards as the way to establish water quality and use regulations. We will also continue to deliver the message that water workers are dedicated public professionals, and that tougher standards have higher costs which must be borne in part by the customer. The table on page 3 summarizes the status of current legislation we are tracking.



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Bill No.	Summary	Recommendation
HB 398	Restores limited funding (~\$15.5Mm) of State Aid Grants to design and construct NHDES-approved clean water projects (House Finance; HF)	Support. Passed House. Senate Finance seemed receptive, noted availability of substantial recent federal funds.
HB 412	Provides funding (\$500k/yr.) to help municipalities plan for NHDES-approved drinking water projects (HF)	Support. Passed House. Senate Finance seemed unsupportive, due to recent federal funds.
HB 611	Preventing local governments from allowing drinking water fluoridation in public water systems and schools (House Resources, Recreation and Development; HRRD)	Oppose. Legislation contradicts demonstrated health benefits and intrudes on local decision making. Bill Tabled.
HB 1066	Study Commission on Cyanotoxins (HRRD)	Support. Passed unanimously, will report annually from 1Nov2023 thru 1Nov2026.
HB 1167	Establishes MCLs for PFAS in surface water (HRRD)	Oppose. Bill legislates regulatory standards and bypasses accepted scientific processes. Unanimously voted Interim Study.
HB 1205	Electronic 911 database (House Judiciary; HJ)	Support. Amend bill to allow NHDES access to map lead service lines in addition to locating private wells. Voted Ought to Pass.
HB 1312	NHDES rules regarding grease traps or other plumbing components shall be no more restrictive than the International Plumbing Code, as adopted in the state building code. (House Executive Departments and Administration; HEDA)	Oppose. Ensure no impact to NHDES regulation of backflow prevention devices and private well pumping systems. Vote scheduled for 7March2022.
HB 1440	Surface water quality standards for PFAS (HRRD)	Oppose. DES will adopt existing MCLs as SW standards, but proposed MCLs don't exist, unreasonable timeframe and cumulative standards infeasible. HB 1440 bypasses accepted scientific processes. Unanimously voted Interim Study.
HB 1452	Rename NHDES to NHDEP and assign the department oversight of private drinking water wells (HRRD)	Monitor. Name change costly and no benefit, private well regulation appears to be a large, new program (not funded). Unanimously voted Interim Study.
HB 1602	Requires testing for PFAS in drinking water of childcare facilities and schools (HRRD)	Monitor. No demonstrated need with high expense. Does not directly impact DW suppliers. Withdrawn for work session. NHDES offered 1 round of sampling w/in currently funded, 18-month timeframe for ~150 eligible sites.
HB 1618	Adds two PFAS compound MCLs and a cumulative total action level for ground water (HRRD)	Oppose. Lack of science based MCLs, cumulative total >> individual MCL. Unanimously voted Interim Study.
HB 1620	Merrimack River from the Manchester-Hooksett town line to the New Hampshire-Massachusetts state line as a "community river" (HRRD)	Oppose. Advocate for use of existing rivers designation process under RSA-483. Unanimously voted Interim Study.
SB 325	Includes Public Works employees as Emergency Responders (Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs; SELMA)	Support. Raise the profile and protections for DW and WW workers. Advocate to expand to all providers of public drinking water. Passed Committee, floor vote 24Feb2022.



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NHWWA Calendar

Here is a look at our upcoming trainings and events for 2022. For more information and to register use links on this page or visit the [TRAINING SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION](#) page on our website. Email notices will go out via Constant Contact.

When	What	Where	TCHs
March 15, 2022	Treat and Meet—YP's Treatment Plant Tour	Concord Treatment Plant	1
March 24, 2022	NHWWA Annual Meeting	Virtual Meeting	
April 12, 2022	Small System Roundtable	Littleton Community Center	2.5
April 14, 2022	Small System Roundtable	Virtual via Zoom	2.5
April 19, 2022	Small System Roundtable	Wolfeboro Public Library	2.5
April 21, 2022	Small System Roundtables	City of Keene Wastewater Plant	2.5
April 26, 2022	NHDES Water Operator Examinations	Concord, NH	
May 5, 2022	Pump Installers Training	NHDES Offices, Concord, NH	2
May 17, 2022	Spring Technical Meeting/Operator Training— <i>Women and Water</i>	Bank of NH Stage, Concord, NH	5
Spring, Summer, Fall	Grade 3-4 Management & Technical Seminar	TBA (Varied locations)	6-9
August 3, 2022	Construction Day	TBA	3
October—November 2022	Grade 2 Training/Exam Prep	TBA	18-24
Fall 2022	Grade 1A Small System Water Operator Course	TBA	10
Fall 2022	Exam Prep Course	TBA	12
Fall 2022	Basic Water Works Math Course	TBA	12
Fall 2022	Small System Roundtables (2)	TBA	2.5/each
October 20, 2022	NH Drinking Water Expo & Trade Show	Grappone Center, Concord, NH	5
November 2022	Fall Technical Meeting/Operator Training	TBA	3-5
December 6, 2022	NHDES Water Operator Examinations	Concord, NH	

NEWWA/NHWWA Joint Meeting Held

The NEWWA/NHWWA Joint Meeting was held at the Birch Wood Vineyards, Derry, NH, on January 20. NHWWA President and CEO Boyd Smith addressed the group on “Workforce Needs, Strategies and Progress in New Hampshire”, and provided a legislative update on NH policy initiatives.

We look forward to safely meeting in-person throughout 2022 as COVID numbers are dropping once again.

First Lifetime Membership Awarded



Our first Lifetime Membership was presented to Mike Metcalf. Underwood Engineers purchased the membership to honor Mike as he enters semi-retirement after 17 years with the engineering firm. Mike has 42 years experience as a consulting engineer in all aspects of municipal water works. He will continue to provide technical assistance to Underwood on a part-time basis. Mike is a past president of NHWWA and has provided numerous presentations at trainings over the years.

We are also pleased to announce that Mike was recently elected to join the NHWWA Board of Directors. We look forward to the strength of Mike’s experience and insight on the Board as we build our Association’s capacity to serve.

Mike Metcalf (far left) is joined by NHWWA Chair Chris Countie, NHWWA President & CEO Boyd Smith and Underwood President Keith Pratt, P.E., after receiving his Lifetime Membership at the NEWWA/NHWWA Joint Meeting.



Meritorious Achievement Award—2021 Recipients

AWARD FOR LARGE WATER SYSTEMS – Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Portsmouth

AWARD FOR SMALL WATER SYSTEMS – Curt Sheing, Certified Operator, Granite State Analytical Services, LLC

The 2021 recipients of the NHWWA Meritorious Achievement Award were recognized at the NEWWA/NEWWA Joint Meeting on January 20, 2022 in Derry.

Brian Goetz was nominated by Kyle Hay of Weston & Sampson. Kyle, who has worked with Brian on a number of projects, noted Brian’s work with stakeholders over the past seven years to find solutions to PFAS contamination in the city’s water supply.

Curt Sheing was nominated by John Lyons and Corbin Kennedy of Granite State Analytical. As coworkers, they wanted to recognize Curt’s “tireless work ethic and his unwavering commitment to providing safe drinking water to our clients”.

Congratulations to Brian and Curt!

Photo: (l to r) NHWWA Chair Chris Countie, Curt Sheing, Brian Goetz and NHWWA President & CEO Boyd Smith.





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2022 State-wide Water Science Fair and Poetry Contest Go Virtual

The NH Drinking Water Coalition decided not to plan an in-person event this spring due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions in schools. A website was created in 2021 that brought the NH Drinking Water Festival to students virtually. That virtual event is available on the [Festival website](#).

It was important to the Coalition that the 4th Grade Water Science Fair and the Water Poetry Contest not lose



momentum due to the third year without a live festival. As a result, the committee is working with schools to promote water science projects and poetry entries in the classroom. The winners at the local schools can then enter the state-wide competitions which will be judged virtually.

We look forward to returning to an in-person event in May 2023 in Keene!

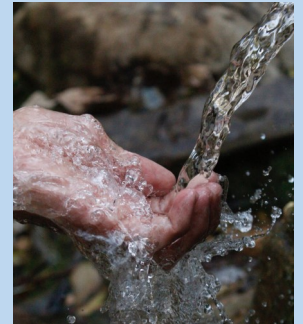
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NHWWA Young Professionals Committee Happenings



As the months fly by, the NHWWA YP Committee continues to grow and expand its reach throughout the water industry and beyond! After a busy start to the Fall, the NHWWA YP Student Outreach Committee wrapped up the first half of the school year by representing the water industry at multiple high school career events.

The YPs shared with students the opportunities that the water industry has to offer and also provided application information for our new Operator Scholarship – a \$2,000 value in NHWWA-sponsored educational classes, training and industry networking events, and conferences, including textbooks and manuals required for the offered classes to obtain an operator license. If you know of a high school or college program that would be interested in learning more about opportunities in the water industry, reach out to the YPs at yp@nhwwa.org!

New year, new opportunities for YPs to grow in the water industry! The NHWWA YPs kicked off 2022 by hosting a networking happy hour at 603 Brewery following the January NHWWA/NEWWA Joint Meeting. Folks from across the organization enjoyed great beverages and

conversations, excited to be getting back to a life of in-person events. In February, the YPs hosted their annual “member’s choice” event, at the Electric Avenue Arcade in Manchester.

The Winter event season isn’t over yet for the YPs! In March, the YPs will be teaming up with the City of Concord to host a tour of the Water Treatment Plant followed by a happy hour at Area 23. Join us not only for the tour and happy hour, but also to receive 1 TCH! Attendance is limited, so be sure to grab your spot!

Be sure to follow the YPs on social media for event updates. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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NHWWA Young Professionals Committee members Sarah Jakositz and Sam Currier promote careers in the drinking water industry at a high school career day.