State News for NSPE Members

Granite State Getting \$17 Million for Clean Energy Infrastructure

New Hampshire will receive \$17 million to strengthen its clean energy infrastructure as a part of the bipartisan infrastructure law.

New Hampshire native Jane Flegal, a member of the White House Office of Domestic Climate policy, said one way to restore manufacturing in New Hampshire is by investing more in clean energy, WMUR reports. In 2020, 19% of the state's energy came from renewable sources, according to the US Energy Information Administration.

Berlin Plant in Danger of Closing Unless Bill Passes

Burgess BioPower's Berlin biomass station is in danger of closing, which lawmakers say would be economically devastating for the region, according to an article in the *New Hampshire Bulletin*. The plant generates 75 MW of green energy on an ongoing basis and employs more than 200 people in Coos County, which has been hit hard by a recent mass exodus of paper mills.

The state legislature has advanced a bill to make ratepayers responsible for paying off a three-year debt on overpriced energy from the plant, meaning they could face \$160 to \$170 million in costs. But without the passage of the bill, its supporters say, the plant is likely to close. Detractors say the measure represents yet another ratepayer buyout for the company.

New Hampshire Licensing Board Meeting

The New Hampshire OPLC Board of Professional Engineers will hold its next meeting on April 22 at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meetings are held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. The meeting can also be attend virtually via Zoom (Meeting ID: 944 450 2704) or by phone. Find your local number.

Take the 2022 Engineering Outlook Survey

Share your opinions on current issues affecting the practice of engineering by completing the 2022 *Engineering Outlook Survey*. The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Once completed, you will have the option to enter our drawing for one of four \$50 Amazon gift cards.

All responses will be kept anonymous and only used in aggregated results unless you give us permission to contact you regarding your responses. The results of the survey will be shared in an upcoming article in *PE* magazine, as well as other NSPE publications (website, newsletters, social media, etc.).

Start the survey.

NSPE Endorses Sustainability and Resilience Statement

NSPE believes licensed professional engineers should be good stewards of the environment in order to preserve and protect our world for future generations. The NSPE Board of Directors recently endorsed "The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change," a statement intended to unite, energize, and motivate people within and across organizations, and to fulfill their desires for meaning and purpose in their professional lives. Facilitated by Engineering Change Lab-USA, the statement was prepared with input from a working group of sixteen organizations including NSPE.

Read more about NSPE's position on the environment, sustainability, and resilience.

New Live Webinar Series: Workability Wednesdays

Would colleagues consider you workable? How easy is it for you to mold, flow, and bend in today's work environment? Is your knowledge up-to-date and relevant? Please join us for this new webinar series to learn more about topics impacting the industry and to enhance your competencies in the profession.



These live and interactive webinars are **free** to NSPE members and will be held at 2:00 pm EDT on the first and third Wednesday of the months of April, May, and June. The next webinar on April 20 will focus on The Future of Wichita's Water - The Northwest Water Treatment Facility.

Learn more about the upcoming webinars and register.

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