

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach

Regulatory Update: DWQ-State Stormwater General Permit Notice

The Division of Water Quality has developed a draft fast-tracked review permit for typical low density state stormwater projects to reduce review time in order to apply more time to compliance/inspections. Comments are invited. For more information, [click here](#).

Environmental Stewardship Initiative



Matt Jordan of the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority talks with DEAO's Lisa Shanklin and Chris Frazier of the N.C. Department of State Treasurer at the NC ESI's 10-year anniversary celebration at NIEHS in March.

DENR is encouraging regulated manufacturers, businesses and government agencies who have made a strong environmental commitment to consider applying for the Environmental Stewardship Initiative. The program recognizes leaders who have displayed superior environmental performance. The ESI program recently celebrated its 10 year anniversary with 128 member sites. For more information, [click here](#).

Business Highlight: Thomas Built Buses

Staff from DEAO's [Environmental Assistance Center](#) performed a compressed air leak detection survey for Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) Steward, Thomas Built Buses. One-third of the plant was surveyed during the DEAO visit and 25 leaks were found. Repairing these leaks alone could conservatively result in a savings of more than \$10,000 per year. To learn more about DEAO services, [click here](#).



Ron Pridgeon, DEAO engineer, trains Thomas Built Buses plant personnel in the use of an ultrasonic leak detector.

Greetings!

This is the first edition of a newsletter designed to keep the North Carolina business community and others up-to-date on services, regulatory activities and other pertinent information from the [N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) and the [Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach](#). Please forward this newsletter to others and send any feedback on content to: Jamie.Ragan@ncdenr.gov

Tip . . .

Teleconferencing can save in travel costs.

A typical teleconferencing charge of five cents per minute per person, in a two-hour meeting, could cost \$6 per person to attend. However, driving 100 miles, round-trip, for a meeting would cost more than \$33 at the standard rate of 33 cents per mile.

Dates to remember:

Did you know . . .

International Composting Awareness Week in the US is
May 6-12, 2012

[East Carolina Environmental Conference](#)
May 9-10, 2012

[Environmental, Energy, Health and Safety School](#)
Aug. 20-21, 2012

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