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Regulatory Update: Division of Land Resources

The Division of Land Resources has been renamed the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources. The name change was a provision in the Clean Energy and Economic Security Act passed during the last legislative session. The division will continue to regulate and provide technical assistance related to mining, dam safety and sediment control. Through its new Energy Program, the division will also provide staff to the Mining and Energy Commission, which is charged with developing rules for the management of oil and gas exploration and development. Additionally, division leadership has changed. Tracy Davis has been named the new director, replacing Jim Simons, who retired May 31, 2012. To view the press release, click [here](#).



N.C. DENR Search Engine

DENR has upgraded the search engine for its website with a more robust engine that provides visitors with a more comprehensive and accurate result for their inquiries. You can find the new DENR search engine on the top right side of the page in the white box. To use the new tool, visit [here](#).

Tip....

An easy way to achieve significant, ongoing water reduction is to change out old (pre-1994) toilets - which use an average of 3.4 gallons of water per flush and account for ~30 percent of indoor water usage - with an updated model. Today's models, called high efficiency toilets, use 1.6 gallons or less per flush. Dual-flush models provide additional savings with full and half-tank flushes. Look for the [EPA Water Sense](#) label.

Dates to Remember:

[MCIC Environmental, Energy, Health and Safety School](#)

Aug. 20-21

[2012 Southeastern Food Waste Reduction Conference](#)

Nov. 12-13

NC Green Travel

The N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach launched the NC GreenTravel Initiative in 2011, in partnership with the Center for Sustainable Tourism at East Carolina University and the Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development of the state Department of Commerce. This initiative seeks to encourage sustainable practices in the travel industry with a special emphasis on green hospitality and tourism. The program offers three levels of recognition, with three dogwood blossoms representing the highest level DEAO consultants can provide onsite technical assistance upon request. To learn how to apply for NC GreenTravel, click [here](#).

Client Highlight: Grandfather Mountain

Grandfather Mountain became the first tourist attraction to be certified as a member of the NC GreenTravel Initiative in early 2012. Solar panels are used to generate electricity sold to the power grid, and solar thermal panels are used to heat water and supply radiant heat in the fudge shop. Rain barrels collect runoff from the roof to irrigate the butterfly garden, and recycle bins collect aluminum and plastic throughout the park. The Nature Museum Restaurant uses compostable and biodegradable utensils, dishes and takeout containers. To learn more about NC GreenTravel, click [here](#).



Grandfather Mountain's famous Mile High Swinging Bridge.

Please take our [survey on Zero Waste](#) by October 1st!

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