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## Vermont Environmental Assistance Partnership

[www.veap.org](http://www.veap.org)

Have an environmental or regulatory question? Don't know who to call? We will get you the answer with just 1 phone call. Call any of the partners.

### VEAP Partners:

VT Dept. of Economic  
Development  
800-933-6249  
[www.thinkvermont.com](http://www.thinkvermont.com)

VT Small Business  
Development Center  
800-464-7232  
[www.vtsbdc.org](http://www.vtsbdc.org)

VT Manufacturing  
Extension Center  
800-MEP-4MFG  
[www.vmec.org](http://www.vmec.org)

VT Dept. of  
Environmental  
Conservation  
Assistance Division  
800-974-9559  
[www.anr.state.vt.us](http://www.anr.state.vt.us)

**This Bulletin**, issued 2 times per year, keeps Vermont businesses up to date on important environmental information and provides environmental, business assistance resources

**VEAP** is an environmental assistance partnership, of four statewide organizations, created in 1998 to help Vermont businesses reduce pollution and save money. Call any of the above phone numbers.

Service Areas:

- Compliance Assistance
- Permitting Assistance
- Pollution Prevention
- Technical Improvements & Education
- Environmental Management Systems

## York Capacitor Reduces Waste, Saves \$

York Capacitor Corp. in Winooski manufactures capacitors for electric motors used in air conditioners and other appliances. York now purchases oil-free steel and aluminum capacitor covers (cans), which eliminates a cleaning step and the hazardous waste generated by this. They also worked with their customers to move away from painted capacitors, by using aluminum instead of steel cans, which reduced hazardous waste from painting by 80%. In 2001, York invested heavily in three automatic filling machines, which automatically filled cans with di-electric fluid, thereby eliminating a cleaning step and associated hazardous waste. Additionally, a new zinc-deposition process now recovers excess zinc for recycling, instead of the prior process, which generated a zinc-laden, expensive to treat wastewater stream. Finally, York successfully substituted a non-toxic di-electric fluid for the toxic one used by most of the industry. All of these environmental management improvements together allowed them to reduce their hazardous waste enough to become conditionally exempt, with reduced regulatory burden and improved worker health and safety benefits. For more information or Pollution Prevention Assistance contact Paul Van Hollebeke in the DEC Environmental Assistance Division at 800-5974-9559.

## Vermont Stormwater Permitting Update:

The Multi-Sector General Permit, impacting all Vermont manufacturers with stormwater discharges is currently in the draft form. The issuance of this permit in Vermont has been delayed, and the actual date of implementation is uncertain. Check back with the Stormwater program later this year for updates at [www.vtwaterquality.org](http://www.vtwaterquality.org). The "Construction General Permit" for all new small construction projects (one to five acres disturbed) should be effective for the spring construction season. Businesses planning construction that may be covered by this permit, should complete the on-line "Notice of Intent Application" on the stormwater webpage. The Department is concentrating efforts to bring the old expired permits into compliance, while the "Watershed Improvement Permits" for impaired watersheds are under appeal to the Water Resources Board.

## Act 250 Party Status Rules:

The Environmental Board has approved rule changes on party status and sent them on to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules for adoption. These rules will eliminate the ability of "materially assisting" parties to appeal and will enable some minor procedures to speed up the processing of appeals.

Rule changes are posted on the Environmental Board's web site at:  
<http://www.state.vt.us/envboard/>

**NEW - Small Business Act 250 Fact Sheet** is now available at:  
[www.vtsbdc.org/environment.cfm](http://www.vtsbdc.org/environment.cfm)

## VEAP ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN

### Managing Spent Fluorescent Lamps and Bulbs



Fluorescent and HID lighting manufactured after November 30, 2003, and sold in Vermont will be required to carry a label to alert customers of mercury content and remind them not to dispose of bulbs and tubes in the trash. Vermont's 1998 mercury management law bans disposal of labeled mercury-added products, such as thermometers, thermostats, and fluorescent and HID lighting in solid waste landfills. Fluorescent lighting will bear mercury's chemical symbol, "Hg" enclosed in a circle and printed or etched on the glass. Vermonters purchase over a million energy efficient fluorescent and HID lights each year, most of which are used by the industrial and commercial sector. Although the mercury levels in lighting have decreased significantly in the last several years, fluorescents and HID lamps are one of the largest sources of mercury in the environment from product disposal. Businesses should properly store (and avoid breakage) of mercury-containing lamps. Fluorescent lamp recyclers offer pick up and mail back collection container programs. More information on lamp management and recycling can be found at [www.mercvt.org](http://www.mercvt.org) or by calling the Environmental Assistance Hotline at 800-974-9559.

#### Permits page on VT-ANR web site:

Now you can find information and most application forms on all of the Vermont environmental permits a business might need, in one place, on the new Permit Assistance page at: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/permits.htm>

### Vermont EPSCoR 2005 Phase 0 Grant

The Vermont Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Phase 0, Small Business Innovation Research program grants of up to \$10,000 seed money for environmental (problem solving) technology research and development, and which leads to a Phase 1 SBIR grant submission (up to \$75,000).

Applications available at: [www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR](http://www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR)

### Northeast Resource Recovery Association - NRRA

NRRA is a pro-active non-profit working with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful.

Member programs include: Cooperative Marketing, Purchasing, Networking, and Educational Opportunities.

Learn more how the "Coop" can help You at:

Northeast Resource Recovery Association

9 Bailey Rd., Chichester, NH 03258, 603-798-5777

([nrra@tds.net](mailto:nrra@tds.net)) [www.recyclewithus.org](http://www.recyclewithus.org)

### Environmental Partners

The following businesses have been designated **ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS** for their environmentally friendly management practices by the VT Agency of Natural Resources and the VT Small Business Development Center:

**Green Mountain Coffee Roasters** - Waterbury

**Smugglers Notch Resort** - Jeffersonville

**Stowe Mountain Resort** - Stowe

**Soul Search Oils** - Williamstown

**Vermont Studio Center** - Johnson

**Foley Distributing** - Rutland

**Woodlan Tool** - Bellows Falls

**Hunger Mountain Coop** - Montpelier

**Craftsbury Outdoor Center** - Craftsbury



More information on the Vermont Business Environmental Partnership is available at:

[www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ead/eadhome/listBEP.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ead/eadhome/listBEP.htm)

or by calling (802) 728-1423

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