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MEDIA ADVISORY: UNH To Open New Environmental Technology Building; Sen. Gregg and NOAA Officials Will Attend

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WHAT: The University of New Hampshire will officially open its new Environmental Technology Building

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: UNH's Environmental Technology Building, 35 Colovos Road. At the traffic light intersecting Main St. and College Road, turn right from the north, left from the south. After Pettee Hall take a right onto Colovos, go under railroad trestle and bear left. Bear left at the fork, driveway is on your immediate right.

DETAILS: The opening ceremony begins in the foyer of the building. Speakers will include UNH President Joan Leitzel; Donald Sundberg, vice president for research and public service; Richard Langan, co-director of the NOAA-UNH Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology (CICEET); Taylor Eighmy, director of the Recycled Materials Resource Center; Scott Gudes, NOAA acting administrator; and John Lynch, chairperson of the USNH Board of Trustees.

The Environmental Technology building is a multi-disciplinary science and engineering research building with a focus on environmental technology development. Sen. Gregg secured \$8.5 million from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in FY 1997 for construction of the building, and another \$1 million from the Economic

Development Administration for related infrastructure. A private donation of \$3 million, state funding of \$1.15 million, and other UNH resources completed the \$14 million building.

Centers and programs currently residing in the building include the Environmental Research Group (Recycled Materials Resource Center, Bedrock Bioremediation Center, Water Treatment Technology Center, and Contaminated Sediment Research Center), CICEET, UNH's Office of Intellectual Property Management, the N.H. Industrial Research Center, the N.H. Pollution Prevention Program, the UNH Genome Program, NOAA's Northeast Coastal Ocean Program, and the NASA/NOAA Center for Technology Commercialization.

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