



PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA), and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) joint outreach event pertaining to state and federal aquatic resource regulations.

PURPOSE: USACE, EPA, and NHDES are holding an in-person joint outreach event to inform the general public, applicants, sponsors, consultants, and industry of updates in regulations/policy related to NHDES and the Department of the Army permit evaluation processes.

EVENT INFORMATION: The agencies will hold this outreach event at the New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services Governor Hugh Gallen State Offices in the Brown Building Auditorium on the first floor (room 163) at 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire on May 8, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude by 2:00 p.m., depending on public participation. The event will be in-person, but a hybrid option will be available at the following link:

<https://usace1.webex.com/join/cenae-pa>

Meeting Number:

199 945 8471

Join by phone

1-844-800-2712 US Toll Free

1-669-234-1177 US Toll

The agenda for the outreach event is attached and will include the following:

- EPA will discuss the final 2023 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule, EPA's role in the federal permitting process, and changes to Clean Water Act Jurisdiction. Additional information can be found on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus> and <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401>.
- USACE will discuss regulatory authorities under Section 10 or the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The presentation will include national, regional and district regulatory program updates such as the 2022 New Hampshire General Permits, Compensatory Mitigation Standard Operating Procedures, the new Regulatory Request System (RRS) and other efficiencies to improve the permit evaluation process. The beta version of the RRS is now available at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs>.
- NHDES will discuss the state wetland permitting process, emergency and disaster response, and updates on the NH Aquatic Resource Mitigation In-Lieu Fee Program.

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USACE, EPA, and NHDES will also provide time to answer questions regarding the regulatory process.

CONTACT INFORMATION: This is an informational public notice; therefore, we are not seeking public comments. However, requests for additional information may be directed to Lindsey Lefebvre at Lindsey.E.Lefebvre@usace.army.mil or (978) 318-8295.

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New Hampshire State and Federal Regulatory Outreach Event

May 8, 2024, 9:00am – 1:00pm

In-Person Location: Brown Building Auditorium
NH Department of Health & Human Services
Governor Hugh Gallen State Offices
129 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire

Virtual Attendance: <https://usace1.webex.com/join/cenae-pa>

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Agenda

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| 8:30am-9:00am | Arrival – light refreshments |
| 9:00am-9:30am | USACE & NHDES Opening Remarks |
| 9:30am –10:45am | EPA , Federal Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 401 Water Quality Certification Rule○ EPA's Role in the Federal Permitting Process○ Changes to Waters of the United States |
| 10:45am – 11:00am | Break |
| 11:00am – 11:45pm | USACE , Federal Permitting <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Program Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Permit Overview and Authorities (S. 10 & S. 404)○ New Hampshire General Permits○ Emergency Authorizations○ Endangered Species Act○ Section 106 & Tribal Coordination○ Regulatory Request System |
| 11:45am – 12:30 pm | NHDES , State Wetlands Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Permitting and Processing○ Emergency/Disaster Response |
| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm | USACE/NHDES <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mitigation<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ USACE Thresholds and Requirements▪ ILF Program Updates |
| 1:30 pm - 2:00pm | Q&A / Wrap-up |



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Presenters and Participants

NHDES

New Hampshire Department of the Environmental Services

Phil Trowbridge, Manager of Land Resources Management Program, Water Division
Darlene Forst, Bureau Administrator, Wetlands Bureau
Mary Ann Tilton, Assistant Bureau Administrator, Wetlands Bureau
Emily Nichols, Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund Program Manager, Wetlands Bureau

EPA

U.S. EPA Region 1 (New England)

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