



PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: February 27, 2024
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SUBJECT: Announcement of the upcoming Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VT ANR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA) joint outreach event pertaining to state and federal aquatic resource regulations.

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

EVENT INFORMATION:

The agencies will hold this outreach event at the Capital City Grange located at 6612 VT-12, Berlin, Vermont on March 27, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude by 1:00 p.m., depending on public participation. The event will be in-person, but a virtual option will also be available by joining here:

<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

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

- VT ANR will discuss state jurisdiction and regulations under the Vermont Wetlands Program, Lakes and Ponds Management and Protection Program, and Rivers Program.
- EPA will discuss changes to Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and the final 2023 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule. 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 of 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 Vermont 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>

The VT ANR, USACE, and EPA will also provide time to answer questions regarding regulatory processes and updates.

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CONTACT INFORMATION: This is an informational public notice; therefore, we are not seeking public comments. However, requests for additional information may be directed to Angela Repella at Angela.C.Repella@usace.army.mil or (978) 318-8639.

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VT Federal and State Regulatory Programs Outreach Event

March 27, 2024 9:00am – 1:00pm

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Agenda

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| 8:30am-9:00am | Arrival – coffee and light snacks |
| 9:00am-9:15am | Opening Remarks |
| 9:15am –9:45am | VT ANR , State Permitting and Jurisdiction <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wetlands Program, Lakes and Ponds Program, Rivers Program |
| 9:45am – 11:00am | EPA , Federal Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Changes to Waters of the United States○ 2023 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule |
| 11:00am – 11:15am | Break |
| 11:15am – 12:30 pm | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers , Federal Permitting <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Program Overview and Authorities (S. 10 & S. 404)○ Vermont General Permits○ Endangered Species Act○ Regulatory Request System○ Compensatory Mitigation○ New England Wetland Functional Assessment |
| 12:30-1:00pm | Q&A / Wrap-up |



Presenters and Participants

VT ANR

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Laura Lapierre, Program Manager, Wetlands Program
Chip Gianfagna, Program Manager, TMDLs, Assessment, Standards & Compliance
Misha Cetner, Lake and Shoreland Ecologist, Lakes and Ponds Program

EPA

U.S. EPA Region 1 (New England)

Nathan Margason, Biologist, Wetlands Protection, Wetlands Teams Lead
Rachel Croy, Life Scientist, Wetlands Protection, Clean Water Act Section 401
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Jurisdiction/Waters of the U.S.
Beth Alafat, Wetlands Biologist, Surface Water Protection Branch

USACE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New England District

Tammy Turley, Chief, Regulatory Division
Frank DelGiudice, Chief, VT/NH Section
Paul Minkin, Ecologist, Technical Support Branch
Taylor Bell, Mitigation Program Manager, Technical Support Branch
Michael Adams, Project Manager, VT/NH Section
Angela Repella, Project Manager, VT/NH Section

USDA NRCS

Natural Resources Conservation Service – Vermont

Jim Eikenberry, Wetlands Specialist, USDA NRCS Vermont