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**SUBJECT:** Announcement of the upcoming Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA) joint outreach event for the State of Connecticut.

**PURPOSE:** The CT DEEP, 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/policy related to CT DEEP and Department of the Army permit evaluation process.

# **EVENT INFORMATION:**

The agencies will hold this outreach event at the CT DEEP Gina McCarthy Auditorium at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT, on January 31, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m. and it should conclude by 1:00 p.m. depending on public participation. Paid parking is available at 120 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, directly behind the CT DEEP building. The event will be in-person, but a hybrid option will be available at the following link. We recommend that you log into the event approximately 10 minutes before it starts. <https://ctdeep.zoom.us/j/89015800054>

The agenda for the outreach event will be as follows:

* CT DEEP will discuss the upcoming renewal of the Water Resources Construction General Permit and application process updates.
* USACE will discuss national, regional and district regulatory program updates including the new Regulatory Request System (RRS) and other efficiencies to improve the permit evaluation process.
* EPA will discuss changes to Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and the 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Rules. Additional information can be found on the EPA’s website at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus> and <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401>.

The CTDEEP, USACE, and EPA will provide other program updates and 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 me at [kevin.r.kotelly@usace.army.mil](mailto:kevin.r.kotelly@usace.army.mil) or (978) 318-8703.

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