



PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the upcoming Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA) joint outreach event for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PURPOSE: The Mass DEP, USACE, and EPA are holding a hybrid in-person and virtual outreach event to inform the general public, applicants, consultants, and industry of pertinent regulation and policy updates.

EVENT INFORMATION:

The agencies will hold this outreach event at the EPA Headquarters Building in the Leighton Hall, Room 107 at 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA, on April 30, 2024. The visitor entrance to the building is on Congress Street. Please note that 5 Post Office Square is a federal building on GSA property and security protocols are in place. The event will start at 9:00 am, and should conclude by 1:00 pm, depending on public participation. We recommend that virtual participants log into the event approximately 10 minutes before it starts. The meeting link and other information about the event can be found below and the meeting agenda is attached.

The agencies will cover the following topics at this event:

- Mass DEP will discuss their program updates.
- USACE will discuss national and district regulatory program updates including the Regulatory Request System (RRS), changes to the Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) process, an overview of the 2023 MA GPs, and the process and timelines for dredging applications.
- EPA will discuss the 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule and understanding federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. Additional information can be found on the EPA's website at [Section 401 of the Clean Water Act](#) and [Waters of the United States](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION: This is an informational public notice; therefore, we are not seeking public comments. However, questions concerning the above topics may be submitted ahead of time to Abigail Thrall at abigail.e.thrall@usace.army.mil or (978) 778-6479.

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Mass DEP/USACE/EPA Public Outreach Meeting

April 30, 2024

EPA HQ Building, 5 Post Office Square, Boston

Leighton Hall, Room 107

8:30am-9:00am	Arrival and seating
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Remarks
9:15am – 10:00am	Mass DEP
10:00am-11:30am	EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Understanding Federal Jurisdiction Under the Clean Water Act○ 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule
11:30am-11:45am	Break
11:45am-12:45pm	USACE <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AJD Procedures○ Overview of MA GPs & PCN Process○ Dredging Applications○ RRS System
12:45pm-1:00pm	Q & A/Wrap-up

Virtual attendance information

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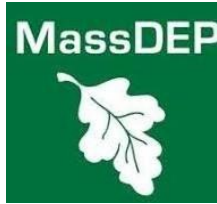
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Presenters

Mass DEP

Lisa Rhodes, Wetlands Program Chief

David Hilgeman, Supervisor, Major Projects and Policy Unit, Wetlands Program

David Wong, Supervisor, 401 Water Quality Cert Dredge Unit, Wetlands Program

U.S. EPA Region 1 (New England)

Erica Sachs Lambert, Biologist, Wetlands Protection, Clean Water Act Jurisdiction/Waters of the U.S.

Rachel Croy, Life Scientist, Wetlands Protection, Clean Water Act Section 401

USACE

Tammy Turley, Chief, Regulatory Division

Paul Maniccia, Chief, MA Section

Norm Farris, PM MA Section

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