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# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

**Date:** November 17, 2020  
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**SUBJECT:** Announcement of Upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA) Joint Outreach Events – Regulatory Updates

**PURPOSE:** The USACE and EPA are holding virtual joint outreach events to inform the general public, applicants, sponsors, consultants, and industry of changes in regulations/policy related to Department of the Army Permits.

## EVENT INFORMATION:

The outreach events will begin each day at 9:00 a.m. and will generally conclude by 12:30 p.m., depending on public participation. We recommend that you log into each event approximately 10 minutes before it starts. Please register for each event that you'd like to attend. The schedule is as follows:

State	Date	Start Time	Registration Link
Connecticut	December 09, 2020	9:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Register*</a>
Massachusetts	December 10, 2020	9:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Register*</a>
Vermont	December 14, 2020	9:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Register*</a>
New Hampshire	December 16, 2020	9:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Register*</a>
Maine	December 17, 2020	9:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Register*</a>
Rhode Island	to be scheduled early 2021		

\*You may also register by using the following links:

CT: <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?RGID=r6494e28adeeb854b4ef5e0289dc4ef25>  
MA: <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?RGID=ra78be8c3cd1dc95e283e48587194c877>  
VT: <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?RGID=r984dd1b684896c3ec313d2800bf9fb68>  
NH: <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?RGID=rc28667804dcb25a306ff9d807f8127d5>  
ME: <https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?RGID=r87e2c5acbcc2c3b44d6d7de22a673e12>

The USACE and EPA will provide an overview of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR), which became effective June 22, 2020, providing a revised definition for waters of the U.S. The NWPR clarifies the scope of waters federally regulated under the Clean Water Act. The NWPR includes four categories of jurisdictional waters and provides specific exclusions for many water features that traditionally have not been regulated. The Federal Register notice is available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/21/2020-02500/the-navigable-waters-protection-rule-definition-of-waters-of-the-united-states>. Additional information about the rule can be found on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/nwpr>.

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The USACE and EPA will provide other program updates and answer questions regarding the regulatory process. In addition, state regulatory agencies may also participate in the event. Please consult the USACE New England District Regulatory website for an updated agenda for each event: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Outreach-Events>. If you are unavailable to participate in your particular state’s outreach event, please feel free to join an alternate event.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** This is an informational public notice; therefore, we are not seeking public comments. However, requests for additional information may be directed to Mr. Greg Penta at [gregory.r.penta@usace.army.mil](mailto:gregory.r.penta@usace.army.mil) or (978) 318-8862.



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