



## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Date:** April 16, 2024

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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](mailto: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 – 2:45pm**

**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 - 9:15am   | <b>USACE &amp; NHDES</b> Opening Remarks  |
| 9:15am – 10:45am  | <b>EPA</b> , Federal Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 401 Water Quality Certification Rule</li><li>○ EPA's Role in the Federal Permitting Process</li><li>○ Understanding Federal Jurisdiction under the CWA</li></ul>   |
| 10:45am – 10:55am | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:55am – 12:00pm | <b>USACE</b> , Federal Permitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Program Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Permit Overview and Authorities (S. 10 &amp; S. 404)</li><li>○ New Hampshire General Permits</li><li>○ Emergency Authorizations</li><li>○ Endangered Species Act</li><li>○ Section 106 &amp; Tribal Coordination</li><li>○ Regulatory Request System</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 12:00pm – 12:30pm | <b>Break (Cafeteria in Building – Cash Only)</b>  |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm  | <b>NHDES</b> , State Wetlands Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Permitting and Processing</li><li>○ Emergency/Disaster Response</li></ul>   |
| 1:30 pm – 2:15pm  | <b>USACE/NHDES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mitigation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ USACE Thresholds and Requirements</li><li>▪ ILF Program Updates</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 2:15 pm - 2:45pm  | <b>Q&amp;A / Wrap-up</b>  |



## **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)**

Nathan Margason, Biologist, Wetlands Protection, Wetlands Teams Lead  
Rachel Croy, Life Scientist, Wetlands Protection, CWA Section 401  
Erica Sachs Lambert, Biologist, Wetlands Protection, CWA Jurisdiction/WOTUS  
Jean Brochi, Biologist, Wetlands Protection

### **USACE**

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

Tammy Turley, Chief, Regulatory Division  
Frank DelGiudice, Chief, VT/NH Section  
Taylor Bell, Mitigation Program Manager, Technical Support Branch  
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Christopher Marron, Project Manager, VT/NH Section  
Stephanie Morrison, Project Manager, VT/NH Section