

Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division

Regional Office Program Newsletter

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Happy Summer Licensed Designers!

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Check out the list of continuing education opportunities, required to maintain licensure! This list has been updated to reflect training opportunities for 2023:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/water/licensed-designers/training>

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Important Update on Permit Applications:

Applications that are on one of the old forms will no longer be accepted. If an application on one of the old forms is submitted, then it will not be accepted anymore. You will need to restart the application on the new form.

New Water Quality Submission Form:

Soon there will be a new form for water quality results if they were not submitted with the installation certification. However, there is no need to re-submit the results if they were included with the installation. Be on the lookout for an update on when this new form will be coming out!

A Reminder Regarding Water Quality Testing:

Any new well is required to have Water Quality testing done through a laboratory that is certified by the Vermont Department of Health and the results sent to the Vermont Department of Health. **The Vermont Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division also needs a copy of the results if it is specified in the permit.** The types of water supplies that require the results be submitted to the Vermont Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division include, but are not limited to, water supplies that go to an accessory dwelling unit, a business in which the water will be used for cooking, or water supplies that are shared. Please be sure to check each permit for specific water quality or other testing requirements. Also note that per the rules, Lead samples must always be a first draw sample.

Staff Spotlight

We will feature one staff member each issue and hope to highlight individuals on our staff and their work with the Regional Office Program.

This quarter, meet **Angela McGuire** one of the Regional Engineers in the Rutland office!

When did you start with DWGPD and tell us a little bit about what you were doing before joining?

Angela: I started in Fall 2022 as an Environmental Analyst working on the compliance team and transitioned to my current position in spring of this year. Prior to DWGPD, I was working as a geologist for an environmental consulting company in Washington state for several years, after a few years teaching/running geology labs at a small college.

Can you briefly describe your role and what office you work with for the Regional Office Program?

Angela: I am a Regional Engineer out of the Rutland office. I review applications for wastewater and potable water supply permits for the northern half of the Rutland district and assist Vermonters with their water/wastewater supplies and questions related to the Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Rules.

Could you share one thing you enjoy about your job?

Angela: I like that every project is so different, and I get to think in depth (pun-intended) about different soils/geographies/systems with each project review or site visit.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

Angela: I have a lot of seasonally dependent hobbies! Since it's summer I like to hike, swim, garden, or forage in the woods. Year-round I like to run, cook, read, attempt various craft projects, and knit; in the winter I like to add in some skiing...and maybe some extra knitting.

What are you most looking forward to in 2023, professionally or personally?

Angela: I grew up on the east coast but much further south – so I am enjoying that the area feels familiar but is completely new to me, and I look forward to traveling around the state more for work and fun and getting to know Vermont better!



Reminders and updates

Policy on Landowner Email Addresses on Permit Applications:

Please be sure to include the landowner's email address when you are filling out the permit application. We use these to send the landowners their permit and outreach for compliance. The only time it is acceptable to not include the landowner's email is if they do not have one, in which case you, the licensed designer, should use your email address in place of the landowners and you will need to then send them the documents.

Updates Regarding the Recent Flooding:

If you have any permits with a build by date that is approaching, please be sure that either you or the landowner reach out to the Regional Engineer for an extension before the build by date. **Because of the flood, we are allowing up to two permit extensions if the landowners, contractors, or licensed designers are held up due to flooding.** Please be sure to ask for an extension before the build by date to avoid needing a permit amendment.

Be sure to keep an eye out for future emails and updates on our website!



See you next issue!