

# Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division

## Regional Office Program Newsletter

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**The new permit application is expected to be uploaded by May 1<sup>st</sup>!** There will be a refresher training session for designers to go over the changes that were made.

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>

#### Happy Spring Licensed Designers!

In this issue you will find information about:

- New permit application
- Policy on applications needing payment or corrections/revisions at 60 days
- Staff Spotlight ~ Eric Deratzian, St. Johnsbury Regional Engineer
- Colchester delegation update

#### Important Note Regarding Payments

**Reminder:** Please carefully review fees when submitting applications.

- Insufficient fees hold up processing
- Overpayments require a refund request
- Please pay fees online to expedite the review of your application

If paying by check, please make sure to use this address only:

**Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division**  
**Agency of Natural Resources**  
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**Please note:** Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a new policy to rescind applications at 60 days for the following conditions:

- Unpaid application fee
- Administratively incomplete due to unresolved revisions or corrections

A reminder notice will be sent at 30 days. Refunds will be initiated for paid applications within one week after it is rescinded.

## 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 **Eric Deratzian** Regional Engineer in the St. Johnsbury office!

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

*Eric: I started with the DWGPD in August 2021. Prior to that, I worked as an environmental consultant/geologist in California and Vermont.*

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

*Eric: I am the Regional Engineer for the Northeast Kingdom, based out of the St. Johnsbury office. My role mainly consists of approving wastewater/potable water supply permits and helping Vermonters navigate the Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules.*

*Could you share one thing you enjoy about your job?*

*Eric: I love working with Vermonters. Better yet, my favorite part of the job is doing site visits in the NEK and working with Vermonters and Designers in the field.*

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

*Eric: Anything outside...playing with my dogs, fly-fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, snowboarding, taking care of my property...you get the idea! I love being outside in Vermont!*

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

*Eric: Professionally, I am looking forward to getting more familiar with the Wastewater and Potable Water Supply Rules.*



## Colchester Delegation

We are now processing applications for Colchester permits. If you need any records related to Colchester, please contact Sharon Bissell at [Sharon.bissell@vermont.gov](mailto:Sharon.bissell@vermont.gov). We will notify everyone once the files are accessible on the public search database.

## Reminders and updates

**ARPA:** Please indicate whether failed applications are funded by ARPA! This information is important for us to track and process the application appropriately.

## Things To Look Forward To!

Mud Season in Vermont has ushered in thoughts of spring cleaning, birds chirping in trees exploding with new leaves, bees buzzing in new flower beds, and here at the WW Program, plans for new forms, documents, and streamlining procedures. This season you should be on the lookout for:

—a guidance document for what it means to be an attached building versus a detached building

—a new, updated form and process for installation certifications and corresponding virtual trainings

—handouts for landowners advising on topics such as campgrounds, food trucks, and waterless toilets

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



See you next issue!

