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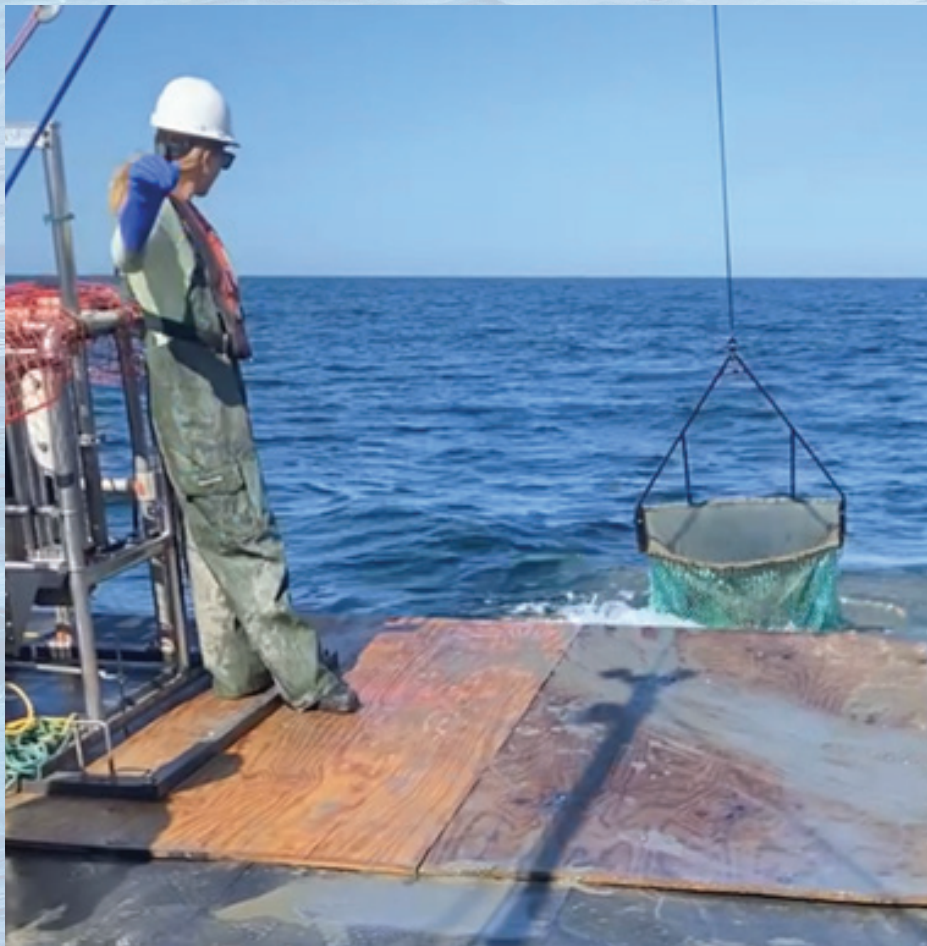


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Above: A member of the DAMOS team waits for the latest sample to come aboard for testing. Right: Clams and worms will be tested for a suite of compounds.



DAMOS team conducts surveys around New England

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The DAMOS team completed four surveys over the past season to collect seafloor dwelling worms and clams. Animals were collected during offshore surveys at the Cape Cod Bay, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island Sound, and Western Long Island Sound Disposal Sites by using a large clam rake towed

off the back of a research vessel.

DAMOS scientists then carefully sorted through the mud brought up from the depths of the seafloor to select the target species. Tissue samples from these animals will be analyzed for a suite of compounds to aid in the management of the sites and to inform decisions about dredged material proposed for offshore disposal from harbors throughout New England.



Regulatory Division holds Public Meeting in Vermont

The New England District's Regulatory Team held a joint public outreach meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VT ANR), March 27 at the Capital City Grange in Berlin, Vermont. About 20 people attended in person and 169 chose to join virtually. The event was held to inform interested parties of updates in the regulations and the policy related to VT ANR and the Department of the Army permit evaluation processes.

Elizabeth Gosselin, New England District's Chief of Public Affairs, moderated the event. She welcomed both the in person and virtual audience and introduced the speakers.

Laura LaPierre, Program Manager, Wetlands Program and Misha Cetner, Lake and Shoreland Ecologist, Lakes and Ponds Program, both with the VT ANR, discussed state permitting and jurisdiction, the wetlands program, the lakes and ponds program and the River program.

Rachel Croy, Life Scientist, Wetlands Protection, from EPA Region 1, spoke about updated to federal rules to include changes to water of the United States and the 2023 Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification improvement rule.

After a break, the New England District's Regulatory team stepped to the podium to make their presentations. Tammy Turley, Chief of Regulatory led the team by presenting the Program Overview and Authorities and the Vermont General Permits. During her presentation, she urged many times for the public to give her team input.

Angela Repella, Project Manager for New Hampshire and Vermont, talked about the Regulatory Authorities that affect the state of Vermont – Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act



Tammy Turley, Chief Regulatory Division, addresses the audience during the Vermont public meeting in Berlin.

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of 1972.

Michael Adams, Project Manager for New Hampshire and Vermont, discussed emergency situations and exemptions. He also spoke about Threatened and Endangered Species.

Taylor Bell, Mitigation Program Manager, discussed compensatory mitigation standard operating

procedures.

Frank Delgiudice, New Hampshire and Vermont Section Chief, rounded out the speakers with his presentation on Regulatory Division's Regulatory Request System.

After each presentation, the speakers took questions from both the in person and virtual audience.



Angela Repella, Regulatory, talks about the regulatory authorities that impact Vermont residents.

Commander's Corner: Women's History Month 2024

by Col. Justin R. Pabis, PE
New England District Commander

March is Women's History Month and March 8 is International Women's Day. The theme this year is "Women who have made great achievements."

So, it would be here that I would provide you a list with some amazing women from around the globe and their accomplishments. But this year, I want to focus on the ladies of the New England District and their achievements both personal and professional. We have many female team members here who do outstanding work for the District, and although each one deserves individual praise, I'm going to highlight a small sample of the caliber of excellence that resides here in our six-state region.

This past December, Capt. Sarah Hoyt, Construction Division, ran in the Antarctic Ice Marathon in Antarctica. The Antarctic Ice Marathon is recognized by the Guinness World Records as the Southernmost Marathon on earth. She completed the race in the middle of the pack at six hours and 48 minutes. You can read about her journey to get to the race in Antarctica and where she's going next in this issue of the Yankee Engineer—https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/January2024_1.pdf

In January, New England District Assistant District Counsel Jenna Gustafson was awarded

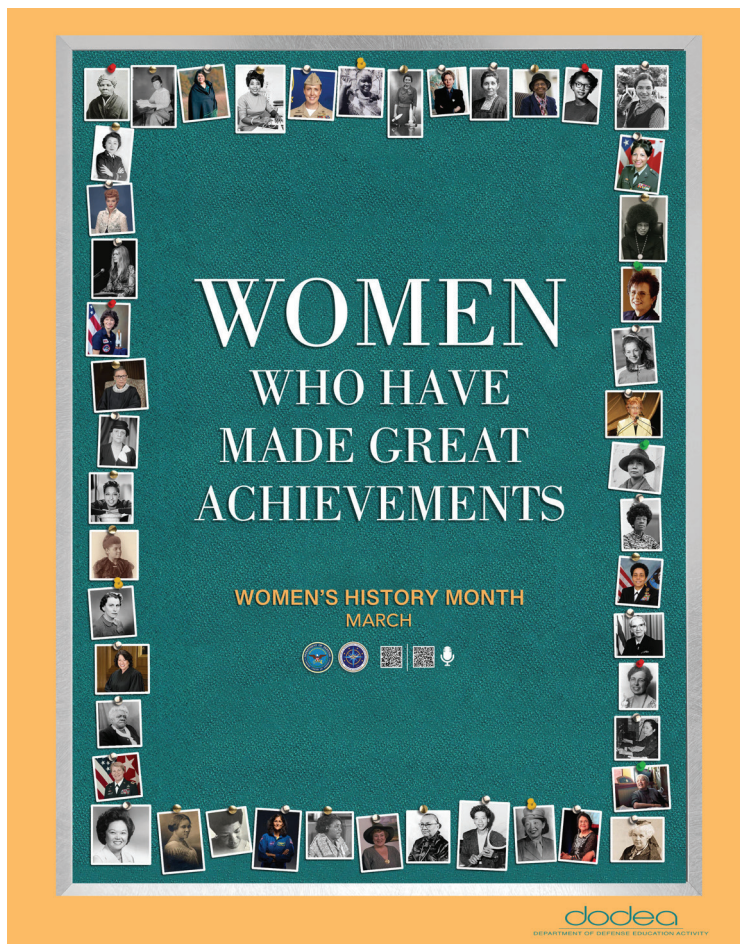


the Joseph W. Kimbel Award for professional potential from the USACE Chief Counsel. Named after Judge Joseph W. Kimbel who served in the Army Corps of Engineers with distinction for 43 years, this award recognizes an attorney who has demonstrated the highest potential for future legal achievement and who truly is a "Rising Star" in the USACE Legal Services Community. You can see our Facebook post praising her accomplishment here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=764518799047269&set=a.225166152982539>

At the beginning of February, I had the honor of presenting Barbara Blumeris, Planning, the Lifetime Planning Award. Barbara received this award for her outstanding work as lead planner and project manager on more than 100 planning efforts within the Continuing Authorities Program and General Investigations program. Barbara has been with USACE since 1987 and her leadership, dedication, and integrity set a high bar now and for many years into the future. Watch me present her the award - <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1043434900084924>

Susanne Grant, Christine Conley and Emily Pottier were highlighted during Engineer Week. You can watch the video and hear about their projects and why they enjoy working for the District here: <https://www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland/videos/1136313107527724>

Congratulations to these ladies on their incredible successes, and to all the women of the New England District for what you do for our region and our nation every day. I am beyond proud to be the Commander of a District that possesses such enormous talent. Take some time this month to appreciate Women's History Month and all the women in your lives both at work at home.



Dredging up the past



Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, Chief of Engineers, stops by Julie Canney's cubicle during his visit to New England District headquarters in the April 18, 2003 photo.

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