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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Little Rock District: Sarah Chitwood, P.E. (Regulatory Division Chief) Arkansas Environmental Federation Water Seminar Presentation

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Ms. Sarah Chitwood, P.E., undertook a presentation at the April 12th Arkansas Environmental Federation Water Seminar that provided an overview of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") Little Rock District Regulatory Division.

Sarah serves as Regulatory Chief of the Little Rock District Regulatory Division.

The presentation initially provided the boundaries of the Little Rock District. Note that two other Corp Districts cover parts of Arkansas. These are the Vicksburg and Memphis Corp District Offices.

Little Rock District Regulatory Field Offices are found in the following locations:

- Rogers, Arkansas
- Branson, Missouri
- Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

The Little Rock District is a component of the Corps' Southwestern Division whose headquarters is in Dallas, Texas.

Sarah described the Regulatory Program's mission as including a commitment to:

... protecting the Nation's aquatic resources and navigation capacity, while allowing reasonable development through fair and balanced decisions.

The Corps is stated to evaluate permit applications for essentially all construction activities that occur in United States waters. This includes wetlands.

The Regulatory Program authorities administered by the Regulatory Division were noted to include:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

Topics addressed under the heading of Regulatory Program Updates included:

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Waters of the United States Effective 20 March 2023

- 2022 Agriculture Memorandum
- Appendix C
- 2022 National Wetland Plant List
- Automated Wetland Determination Data Sheets
- Pay.gov
- Environmental Justice
- Memorandum of Understanding U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

A copy of the slides from the Presentation can be downloaded [here](#).