

New England Water Science Center

What Has Changed?

On October 1, 2012, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) created the New England Water Science Center. This new center is a merger of the four former Water Science Centers (WSCs) in New England (the Maine, New Hampshire-Vermont, Massachusetts-Rhode Island, and Connecticut WSCs). This merger will lead to a single organizational structure for USGS water activities in the six New England States while maintaining current operations and offices in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Why Was This Done?

The USGS, like many organizations, is working to be as efficient and effective as possible. This merger will result in efficiencies in the water activities of our New England offices. Greater integration of our scientists will foster new and enhanced science and data collection in the region to address the needs of USGS and our many cooperators and collaborators. Finally, USGS wants to minimize duplication of efforts and have a common voice for our regional and Federal partners.

What Will Be Different?

Initially, most day-to-day operations of the USGS water offices in New England will not change; therefore, the merger will be mostly transparent to our partners, although you may notice a few changes in USGS staff you have worked with in the past. The full merger will take place over the course of a few years. The merger will begin with common science planning and creating common support services for all our offices. Funding and priorities for each office will be the same as in recent years, although you may have already noticed that all funding agreements are now signed by the new director.



Figure 1. Locations of the New England Water Science Center offices of the U.S. Geological Survey.

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