



LIHI Website Redesign

The Low Impact Hydropower Institute website has a new look! The site has been overhauled and updated to provide hydropower information in a sleeker, more accessible fashion. The new site is now live and is still undergoing further revision. Should a problem occur when visiting the site, please let us know by sending a message to info@lowimpacthydro.org and a staff member will resolve the issue!



Spotlight on Dana Hall

LIHI's former Director of Operations was the subject of the International Bar Association's *In-House Perspective* series last month. Now the General Counsel for Core Development Group, Hall was instrumental in the continued growth and success of LIHI. Her interview touches on the challenges of beginning a new role mid-pandemic, her experience as an adjunct instructor at SUNY Purchase, and the many projects she's undertaking to combat the climate crisis. Read [HERE](#) for the full article.

Legal Confusion Over Revised Federal Water Rule

Following the Trump administration's rescension of the 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) definition in June, two separate legal challenges have resulted in conflicting rulings on the implementation of the EPA's new WOTUS definition. The issue underscores the struggle for clarity on the definition of WOTUS as outlined in the Clean Water Act. For more information on the scope and implications of the rule, click [HERE](#).



Hydro Implications in House Infrastructure Bill



In June, House Democrats released the [Moving Forward Act](#), a bill detailing infrastructure policy. The [National Hydropower Association](#) has been assessing the bill for its consequences on the hydropower industry. General topics include dam safety, tax credits, environmental restoration, grid modernization, and more. We are sharing this comprehensive analysis prepared and shared by NHA and we appreciate their making this information

public. We have not yet analyzed the legislation as it impacts LIHI goals and mission. For the full analysis, [click HERE](#).

On the Horizon

Massachusetts is expected to release their first-in-the-nation Clean Peak Standards by early August which are expected to allow qualified, Massachusetts-located renewable portfolio assets, including Low Impact certified hydropower, to partner with energy storage technologies to create and sell Clean Peak Standard certificates. LIHI is watching this development closely as it may offer opportunities for Certificate Holders as it is adopted in Massachusetts and beyond!



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