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• other state agency departments (e.g., environmental health, wells, permitting, natural resources, agriculture, health, ecology, land, water conservation, transportation, geology, building codes, permits, flood plains, emergency management);
• federal agencies (e.g., U.S. EPA, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Army Corps of Engineers);
• national organizations (e.g., National Association of County and City Health Officials, Water Quality Association, NSF International, National Groundwater Association, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials);
• certified laboratories; and
• academic and extension partners.

Membership to PWN is free. If you are interested in joining, you can sign up at www.privatewaternetwork.org. NEHA membership is not required to be a member of the network; however, you will need to create a MyNEHA account through www.neha.org. Over the next year, NEHA will work toward maintaining a sustainable network growth and increasing member engagement for PWN. NEHA hopes to expand PWN membership to include a member from every state and territory within the U.S.

If you work with private drinking water systems, NEHA encourages you to join PWN today! For any questions or concerns about PWN membership or participation, please contact pwn@neha.org.

NEHA Staff Profiles
As part of tradition, NEHA features new staff members in the Journal around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know the NEHA staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to two NEHA staff members. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on page 42.

Renee Clark
I joined NEHA in January 2019 as an accounting manager in the Finance department. My goal is to streamline processes, become paperless wherever possible, and most importantly, help NEHA grow in all aspects of environmental health.

I have an accounting degree from Louisiana State University and started my career in the flood prone area of Houston, scheduling, transporting, and marketing natural gas. I’ve been through several hurricanes and other natural disasters and have seen firsthand how they affect the environment. My job moved me to Denver several years ago where I continued to work in the natural gas industry. After a break from my career, I reentered the workforce for a nonprofit association where I gained experience with associations, memberships, and continuing education programs.

I have three children: one in Nashville, the other in Denver, and the youngest in college in Idaho. My husband and I enjoy beautiful Colorado with our two dogs and following college sports.

I love seeing the commitment NEHA has to environmental health issues that we see in the news every day. It’s exciting and meaningful to be a part of an organization that is trying to make a difference.

Rosie DeVito
My career in public health began while pursuing a degree in biology from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York. I graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in chemistry, and immediately went to graduate school for public health. I earned a Master of Public Health with a concentration in environmental health in 2017 from the University at Buffalo in Buffalo, New York. Since then, I have had the opportunity to take on various roles in the environmental and public health fields, including conducting research on air quality, food access, and lead poisoning.

Upon moving to Denver in 2017, I took on a program management and community organizing role in active living and urban planning, as well as public health program instruction for high school students. Most recently, I worked as a data specialist that served as a placeholder until I found the perfect career that would challenge me, fulfill my passions, and allow me to grow as a leader in environmental health. My first year at NEHA has shown me that it is possible to find that career!

As a project manager, I oversee NEHA’s projects related to hurricane recovery in enhancing the environmental health workforce, children’s environmental health and emergency preparedness, and disaster-related disease surveillance and prevention. These projects are in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. I enjoy exploring the intersection of multiple different fields and this job allows me to do that! What I love most about this position is that I have the opportunity to meet talented professionals in environmental health and travel to unique places. Additionally, knowing that I am contributing to making a positive impact on people’s lives motivates me to work hard.

When I am not at work, you will probably find me hiking, camping, or just spending time in the mountains. I also love going to concerts, festivals, and exploring something new every weekend. The only thing I seem to be missing in Denver is a dog! 🐶