



VHB welcomes Kaitano and Sahl

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Anne-Elizabeth Kaitano

KC Sahl

New York, NY VHB continues to expand its offshore wind energy service offerings in the Northeast with the addition of Anne-Elizabeth Kaitano as senior environmental scientist/project manager and KC Sahl as northeast energy market leader

Operating primarily from VHB's New York City office, Kaitano brings more than 15 years of experience developing and executing permitting and stakeholder engagement strategies to advance onshore and offshore energy projects, positioning VHB to deliver effective and strategic solutions for

energy clients.

“At VHB, we aspire for a more sustainable world,” said Kris Dramby, CWB, PWS, CE, vice president and corporate energy market leader at VHB. “Anne-Elizabeth’s support gives VHB added flexibility to respond to the increased need for renewable energy solutions and to focus on advancing new development for offshore wind.”

Since 2016, Kaitano has provided support to multiple, local offshore wind initiatives in New York and New Jersey in addition to states along the Eastern Seaboard. Kaitano brings experience navigating environmental permitting and working directly with agencies like the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), among others.

Kaitano has a Master’s degree in Conservation Biology from Columbia University and a BA in Biology from Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH. She is a member of the Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainability Energy’s New York Chapter.

As the nation and individual states look to firmly establish robust decarbonization goals, Sahl will be instrumental in expanding VHB’s growing energy practice in the Northeast that supports this integration of renewable energy.

“With KC on our team, VHB is better positioned to respond to the fast-growing interest in renewable energy development. His strong vision, demonstrated leadership, and unique perspective of market conditions will guide our team in New York, New Jersey, and beyond as we work with clients to advance new development for the Energy market,” said Dramby.

In his role, Sahl will deepen relationships with energy clients, advance the delivery of energy projects, and develop marketing strategies to position VHB as a leading provider of integrated services to energy clients. Sahl will work with VHB’s corporate, regional, and state leadership representatives supporting various energy initiatives and strategic pursuits, with a particular focus on leading the expansion of VHB’s offshore wind practice.

“Our region is primed for renewable energy investment and KC will be instrumental in leading our teams to provide outside-the-box solutions to bring these projects online and create a more sustainable future,” said Terri Elkowitz, northeast regional manager at VHB.

Sahl’s successful record of public and private project management, community engagement, and government outreach has driven 10 years of experience dedicated to wind-energy projects. With an extensive professional network in the renewable energy, government, and philanthropic sectors, Sahl will work with local and regional authorities to develop innovative solutions to today’s most complex energy challenges.

Prior to joining VHB, Sahl served as principal, offshore resources sector lead for Ecology and Environment, Inc., and most recently as Director, Energy Technology at Tetra Tech, Inc. Sahl holds

a BA in English and Political Science from California State University.

Sahl founded an offshore wind networking community as a forum to connect industry professionals during the pandemic, serving more than 600 members. Sahl serves on the Board of Directors for the Natural Areas Conservancy and has previously served on WNYC Community Advisory Board and Riverside Park Conservancy board. He is also a member of the New York Association for Energy Economists (NYAEE) and the American Clean Power Association (formerly American Wind Energy Association), serving on the offshore wind committee.

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