



**EBC New Hampshire Chapter Update from U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Spalding and NH DES Commissioner Burack**

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**AGENDA**

10:00 a.m. **Welcome**  
Bob Hasevlat, Chair, EBC New Hampshire Chapter  
Business Development Director, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

**Introduction**  
Robert Varney, President, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

10:15 a.m. **Update from New Hampshire DES Commissioner**



**Thomas Burack**  
Commissioner  
NH Department of Environmental Services

**10:45 a.m. Update from Regional U.S. EPA Leadership**



**H. Curtis Spalding**  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA – Region 1

**11:15 a.m. Panel Discussion**

*Following the two formal presentations, there will be a discussion with the speakers and a panel of industry leaders that will address critical issues, policies and developments concerning and impacted by the NH DEP and the US EPA.*

Panel Moderator: **Robert Varney**, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

Panel Members:

- **Charles A. Crocetti**, Senior Vice President, Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc.
- **Robert A. Francis**, Senior Geologist/Senior Project Manager, Ensafe Inc.
- **Muriel S. Robinette**, Senior Environmental Hydrogeologist/Senior Principal, Terracon Consultants, Inc.

**12:00 p.m. Adjourn**

**SPEAKERS**

**Thomas S. Burack**, Commissioner  
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Tom Burack has served as the Commissioner of the NH Department of Environmental Services since November 2006. Nominated by Governor John Lynch, he had previously been an attorney in private law practice, representing a wide range of businesses, institutions and individuals in environmental, health and safety, and energy matters. Since its formation in 2008, Tom has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. and Chair of its Audit Committee. Tom served as the Chair of the Governor's Climate Change Policy Task Force, which completed development of the New Hampshire Climate Action Plan in March 2009. Tom now serves as Chair of the New Hampshire Energy and Climate Collaborative, a voluntary collaboration of government, private sector and nonprofit/educational sector leaders working to leverage opportunities for and remove barriers to implementation of the most significant recommendations in New Hampshire's Climate Action Plan that will secure the State's energy, environmental and economic future.

Prior to joining DES, Tom was an active participant in the NH Business & Industry Association's environmental programs and also served as chair and a member of the boards of directors of both the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

Tom graduated Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia School of Law, and is a Harry S. Truman Scholar. He resides in Hopkinton, NH with his wife and two school-aged children.

**H. Curtis Spalding**, Regional Administrator  
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H. Curtis "Curt" Spalding has extensive experience in the environmental protection field as an advocate, policy analyst and administrator. For almost 20 years, he served as Executive Director of Save the Bay in Rhode Island, a nationally recognized, 20,000-member environmental advocacy and education organization. He established the Narragansett BayKeeper and Habitat Restoration programs, which reconnected Save the Bay to ecologically important bay issues, and he oversaw the successful completion of the \$9 million Explore the Bay Campaign and construction of the Save the Bay Center at Fields Point in Providence, Rhode Island.

Since joining the EPA leadership team in February 2010, Spalding has been leading a holistic approach to finding environmental solutions in New England. He's emphasized efforts in environmental justice and green economy. Spalding has focused our efforts in the region on three cross-cutting initiatives: Climate Change, Stormwater and Communities.

Spalding has been heavily engaged in preparedness efforts for flooding in New England. He has also been involved in a number of pilot projects working on sustainability in communities around the region. Urban revitalization is a priority for Spalding, and you can see it coming to fruition in places like Holyoke, MA and Bridgeport, CT.

Spalding received his bachelor's degree from Hobart College and an M.P.A. from SUNY at Albany.

#### **PANEL MODERATOR**

**Robert Varney**, President  
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Robert Varney is a former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) New England Regional Administrator, who currently is President of Normandeu Associates, a science-based environmental firm based in Bedford, NH with nineteen offices in twelve states. He was the longest-serving regional administrator and top environmental official in New England and is credited with instituting many innovative approaches and policy initiatives that have served as national models. Prior to EPA, Mr. Varney was one of the nation's longest-serving state environmental commissioners, appointed by three Governors of both political parties.

Bob is nationally recognized for his efforts on global climate change; energy efficiency and renewables; homeland security and preparedness; clean air, clean water and safe drinking water; superfund and brownfields cleanup and redevelopment; environmental justice and healthy communities; restoration of rivers, lakes and coastal areas; strong and consistent enforcement and compliance assistance; strengthening partnerships; and improved agency management and performance.

Mr. Varney has chaired the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), State/EPA Superfund Policy Forum, Federal Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), Governmental Advisory Committee to the US Representative to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission and New England Governors Conference Environment Committee. He also was a member of EPA's Environmental Justice Advisory Council and currently serves on the NH Board of Trustees for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the CEC Joint Public Advisory Committee (US, Mexico, Canada). Bob is the recipient of numerous environmental awards such as the EPA Lifetime Achievement Award, NE Water Works Association's John H. Chafee Award, Environmental Business Council of NE's Paul Keough Award and the ECOS Founder's Award.

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Chip Crocetti is a Sr. Vice President and co-founder of Sanborn, Head & Associates, with over 25 years experience in a broad range of hydrogeologic, environmental, and remedial projects, in over twenty states and internationally, including twelve Superfund sites. Prior to working in the environmental field, he worked in the petroleum and minerals industries. Chip's particular expertise is in the application of geochemistry to hydrogeological and environmental issues. Recent areas of interest include: characterization and management of "urban fill" soils; assessment and control of impacts to groundwater due to blasting; the emerging contaminant 1,4-dioxane; and geologic and geochemical influences on the success of ground source heat pump systems. Chip earned his B.A. from Dartmouth College in Earth Sciences, and his Master's and Doctorate from Harvard University in Geological Sciences.

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Mr. Francis is a Senior Project Manager at the Londonderry Office of EnSafe Inc., an environmental and health & safety consulting firm based in Memphis, TN. He is a licensed Professional Geologist in New Hampshire, Maine, and Pennsylvania, and a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional. Bob has over 27 years of experience managing environmental investigations and remediation services at industrial facilities, commercial and residential properties, hazardous waste sites, and solid waste landfills. He has also performed water supply investigations and permitting for municipal and commercial drinking water supplies. He earned a B.A. in Geology from Williams College, and an M.S. in Geology from the University of Massachusetts. Bob is a member of the Geological Society of New Hampshire and the recently-formed Massachusetts Geological Society. Bob and family have made Derry their home for the past 25 years.

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Muriel Robinette, over her more than 30 year career, has served in academic (Assistant Professor Geological Engineering), regulatory (Head of NHDES Hydrogeological Investigation Unit), business (owner of New England EnviroStrategies) and private consulting (Senior Client Development Manager of Terracon Consultants). She specializes in contaminated property assessment, remediation and redevelopment, working with private developers, municipalities and Economic Development Corporations to facilitate Brownfields redevelopment.

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