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Keynote Addresses by:
U. S. EPA Deputy Regional Administrator Deb Szaro
and
CT DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee

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AGENDA

9:00 a.m.  Welcome
  • John Figurelli, Chair, ECB Connecticut Chapter
    Team Leader, Weston & Sampson
  • Ellen Angley, Vice President – Supply Chain
    Environmental Affairs & Property Management, Eversource Energy

9:10 a.m.  Update from DEEP Commissioner

Rob Klee, Commissioner
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
State of Connecticut
9:40 a.m.  Update from Federal Environmental Leadership

Deb Szaro
Deputy Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA – Region 1

10:10 a.m.  Response Panel
Panel Moderator: Curt Thalken, Senior Vice President/COO
Normandeau Associates, Inc.

Panel Members:
- Michael J. Scipione, Chairman of the Board, EBC
  President, Weston & Sampson
- Catherine Finneran, Director Environmental Affairs, Eversource Energy
- Dana C. Huff, P.E., Vice President, Tighe & Bond
- Sarah J. Trombetta, Senior Principal, TRC

10:45 a.m.  Adjourn

SPEAKERS

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Rob Klee is the Commissioner of Connecticut’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Commissioner Klee was appointed by Governor Dannel P. Malloy in January 2014.

DEEP is the state agency charged with conserving, improving and protecting the state’s natural resources and environment, providing first-rate outdoor recreation opportunities, and bringing cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable energy to Connecticut’s residents and businesses. DEEP is focused on integrating energy and environmental policies and helping Connecticut to build a sustainable and prosperous 21st-century economy.

Commissioner Klee joined DEEP in April 2011 as Chief of Staff. In that role he oversaw the work of the agency, supported the efforts of the Commissioner, and advised the Commissioner and senior staff on a wide range of environmental and energy policy issues.

Prior to joining state service, Commissioner Klee was an attorney with Wiggin and Dana LLP, in New Haven, where he specialized in appellate work and energy and environmental law.
From 2004 to 2005 Commissioner Klee worked as a Law Clerk for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut and from 2005 to 2006 as a Law Clerk for the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as a Research Affiliate in the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies from 2006 to 2008.

Commissioner Klee holds a Ph.D. from Yale's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in industrial ecology, a law degree from Yale, and an undergraduate degree from Princeton in geology and environmental science.

Commissioner Klee and his wife Anne have two sons.

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Deb Szaro re-joined EPA Region 1 as Deputy Regional Administrator (DRA) in March of 2014. As DRA, she is responsible for managing a $350M budget and directing 580 multidisciplinary personnel in activities to protect human health and the environment within Region 1, in conjunction with its 6 New England States and 10 tribes. She is also responsible for regional operations including civil rights, ethics, human capital, organizational planning and budgeting. Prior to her current role, she directed the Division of Environmental Science Assessment in EPA Region 2 in Edison, NJ. There, she was responsible for directing and managing a diverse staff of scientists, engineers and technicians engaged in ambient and source monitoring for all environmental media, the generation of data used in enforcement actions, development and implementation of data quality assurance polices and protocols, and the operation of the regional analytical testing laboratory. Deborah has been an EPA representative on many national work groups such as the Forum for Environmental Measurements, where she advocated the use of sound science in all decision making processes. Deborah started her career with EPA in 1987 in EPA Region 1 where she served as Laboratory Technical Project Officer & Quality System Team Leader. She moved to NJ in 2002 to become the Region 2 Laboratory Branch Chief, managing a staff of scientists engaged in the analysis of air, water, soil and hazardous waste samples. Deborah holds a B.S. in Biology from Northeastern University in Boston, MA.

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Curt Thalken has over 30 years of engineering experience including work in both austere and developed environments. He is currently the Senior Vice President, for Operations at Normandeau Associates Inc., one of the nation's largest science based environmental consulting firms with over 250 employees located in 19 offices in 12 states. Prior to joining Normandeau, COL Thalken served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an engineer officer for over 25 years, including assignments teaching at the United States Military Academy, at West Point NY and commanding an engineer battalion in Afghanistan. His military engineering career culminated as Commander of the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), from 2005 - 2008. His education includes a BS from the United States Military Academy and MS from Dartmouth College’s Thayer School of Engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer in the states of: CT, NH and FL.
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Catherine Finneran is Director of Environmental Affairs at Eversource Energy, New England's largest energy delivery company serving 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She manages 45 scientists, engineers and specialists focused on environmental protection, permitting for electric and gas transmission and distribution project siting, and regulatory compliance. She also serves as clean energy and environmental outreach lead for the Northern Pass Transmission Project.

Ms. Finneran comes to Eversource Energy with more than 20 years of experience focused on clean energy, environmental protection and economic development. Before joining Eversource Energy, she served as Senior Director of the Renewable Energy Generation Division at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), where she oversaw the design and implementation of rebate and grant programs targeted at growing the Massachusetts clean energy market to increase deployment of wind, solar photovoltaic, hydropower, and anaerobic digestion projects. Ms. Finneran also was responsible for the clean heating and cooling rebate programs (energy efficient heat pumps, cleaner biomass, solar hot water), as well overseeing the group responsible for developing and managing the software platform used to track and report energy production under the Massachusetts Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) Program.

She previously served as the Director of Clean Energy for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). In this role she worked across water, air, solid waste, and waste site cleanup programs to advance permitting and siting of clean energy projects at state regulated sites. Ms. Finneran also served as the Brownfield Director for MassDEP, serving as the central point of contact at the state level for the cleanup and reuse of contaminated sites. Previously, she served as a municipal development manager, an acting director of a non-profit corporation, and in project management for a real estate development consulting firm.

Ms. Finneran serves on the Board of Directors for the Environmental Business Council (EBC) and the New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE) Advisory Committee. She previously served as Advisor to the Bunker Hill Community College Energy Sustainability Management Program and to the JFY Networks Environmental Job Training Program. She received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in Environmental Design.

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Michael J. Scipione, P.E., is president and CEO of Weston & Sampson and has over 30 years of civil engineering experience. Mr. Scipione joined Weston & Sampson in 1985 and has been instrumental in the development and success of various business units. Elected to Weston & Sampson's Board of Directors in 2002, Mr. Scipione served as Chief Operating Officer from 2002 through 2004. In January 2005, Weston & Sampson's Board of Directors elected and promoted Michael J. Scipione, P.E., to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer. Since that time, Weston & Sampson has grown geographically to include regional offices along the East Coast.

As the firm's president, Mr. Scipione continues to provide clients and business associates with an accessible and hands-on approach to projects while fostering Weston & Sampson's tradition of prompt client service and response. In addition, he provides the transportation, solid waste, wastewater, and water divisions with management and training to support various projects.

With registration as a professional engineer in the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island, Mr. Scipione has been an active participant in national and regional professional organizations throughout his career.

Mr. Scipione earned a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Northeastern University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is a graduate of ACEC's Senior Executive Institute and Harvard Business School's Program for Leadership Development.

In addition to his involvement in the EBC, he is also on the Board of Directors for the American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts (ACEC/Ma). Mr. Scipione is a member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), (WTS), and the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA).

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Ms. Trombetta has 30 years of experience and is Manager of TRC's Brownfields Program in the Remediation Practice in the Windsor, Connecticut office. She also serves as the LEP and project manager for remedial program implementation for commercial, industrial and government clients. Her experience ranges from Project Manager at Superfund or listed hazardous waste sites to the management of investigations and remediation at petroleum, chlorinated solvent, and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) impacted sites. Ms. Trombetta has managed or provided technical review for over 500 Phase I, II and III environmental site assessments. Ms. Trombetta is presently managing two Brownfields Programs in Connecticut where her responsibilities include management of Phase I, II, and III site assessments, remediation services, coordination with federal and state agencies, and community outreach efforts.