



**11:00 a.m. Solid Waste Management Issues Facing Connecticut**

Panel Moderator: **Dana Huff**, Tighe & Bond

Panelists:

- Dave Bodendorf, MIRA
- Gabrielle Frigon, CT DEEP
- Christopher McCormack, Pullman & Comely, LLC
- Aris Stalis, Aris Land Studio

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

**PROGRAM CHAIR**

**Dana Huff, P.E.**, Vice President

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Dana C. Huff, P.E., Vice President- a Principal at Tighe & Bond, is a registered professional civil engineer and an experienced project manager on assignments that span a variety of disciplines, with a primary focus on civil engineering and solid waste projects. Dana formerly served on the International Board of Directors for the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), as the Massachusetts Chapter representative. He is also the past President of SWANA's Massachusetts Chapter. Dana has assisted many communities with waste management issues and works with all the major waste management companies in New England. Dana is also involved with renewable energy projects and has presented at Mass DEP's workshop on Renewable Energy at Closed Landfills and he is a participant in the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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Mike Sullivan is the Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Quality at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). He joined DEEP as Deputy Commissioner in April of 2015.

As Deputy, Mike leads the three bureaus on DEEP's regulatory side – Water Protection and Land Reuse, Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, and Air Management. He previously worked as an attorney in DEEP's Office of Legal Counsel and as Director of Permitting and Enforcement in DEEP's Air Bureau. Mike's priorities are to continue to streamline the permitting process, strengthen the

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enforcement and compliance assurance activities, transform the regulatory branch of the agency and build on the success of DEEP's LEAN program.

Prior to joining DEEP, Mike served as Senior Attorney for the University of Connecticut. Before that he was the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs at the Office of Policy and Management. He had previously worked in the Attorney General's Office at the University of Connecticut, specializing in defense litigation for the University.

Mike received a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Massachusetts and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. He graduated from Georgetown University Law School while working in the State of Connecticut's Washington D.C. Office.

## **SPEAKERS**

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David Bodendorf, P.E., Senior Environmental Engineer for the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, is a registered professional civil engineer in Connecticut and Massachusetts. David has managed over \$30MM in landfill construction projects over the past 15 years working at MIRA. Beginning in 2001, he managed the operation, and post closure care and maintenance of the Hartford, Wallingford, Ellington, Shelton, and Waterbury landfills. He is also responsible for storm water permitting and compliance along with various civil engineering projects at MIRA's transfer stations and waste processing facilities. Prior to joining MIRA, David worked for consultants and municipalities designing and managing various civil engineering projects.

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Ms. Gabrielle Frigon has worked for CT DEEP for almost 25 years. Ms. Frigon has been a Supervisor for Solid and Hazardous Waste Permitting at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection since January 2007. As a supervisor for Solid Waste Permitting Ms. Frigon coordinates the issuance of permits to construct and operate which establish compliance and performance criteria for Solid Waste Facilities and Hazardous Waste Transfer facilities in Connecticut.

For several years, while supervising solid waste permitting, she also supervised the permitting program for Resource Conservation and Recovery Act transfer, storage and disposal facilities in the state and oversaw the Source Reduction and Recycling program in their efforts to move forward the goals of the state-wide Solid Waste Management Plan. Ms. Frigon, also represents the Department in contested cases through the Administrative Hearing Process.

Prior to her current role in the Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, she worked in the Remediation Division as the enforcement coordinator for the division, as well as in the Potable water and the federal Pre-remedial superfund programs.

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Christopher P. McCormack, an attorney based in the Bridgeport office of Pullman & Comley, LLC, practices in the areas of environmental law and litigation. Chris has extensive experience with the environmental aspects of corporate and real estate transactions, environmental insurance coverage and complex commercial litigation, including lead litigation counsel responsibility for Superfund site coalitions. With more than 25 years of experience in environmental law, Chris has defended and prosecuted numerous environmental cost recovery actions in state and federal courts. Chris is the Vice Chair and Legislative Liaison for the Environmental Section of the Connecticut Bar Association and serves on numerous other environmental committees of the American Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association and ASTM International.

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Mr. Stalis has 26 years of experience in a wide variety of public and private site planning and design projects. After graduating from the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Aris practiced at the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, gaining a great understanding of the rigors of the Public Sector and the development of urban spaces. In 2009, he started his landscape architectural firm Aris Land Studio to provide comprehensive planning and development services to the public and private sector. He contributes to the design of a full range of development features, including urban design, ecological restoration, educational spaces, parks, playgrounds, and passive recreation areas. Representative projects include numerous public spaces and school facilities, as well as municipal recreation plans. The primary goal of his work is to develop designs in a sustainable and ecologically balanced manner. A guiding principle is that well designed landscapes help create healthier communities.

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- **October 13 – CT Chapter Program Planning Meeting**
- October 14 – RI Chapter Program with U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
- October 15 – Program Series with MassDEP – Northeast Region Leadership
- October 20 – Site Remediation Program – Massachusetts Brownfields Update
- October 21 – Professional Development Program – Advice from the Pros
- October 23 – Social Media Seminar – Using LinkedIn as a Business Tool
- **October 28 – CT Chapter Program – Renewable Energy Update**
- **November 3 – CT Chapter Program – Use of Unmanned Aircraft in the Industry**

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