EBC Program Series with Mass DEP Regional Offices
Commissioner Suuberg and the DEP Western Regional Office Leadership

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Tighe & Bond
Westfield, Massachusetts

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Welcome: Daniel K. Moon, President EBC

8:15 a.m. Keynote Address: Review of Mass DEP Priorities

Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

9:00 a.m. Update: Mass DEP Western Regional Programs

Key Western Region Leadership
- Michael Gorski, Regional Director
- Eva Tor, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- Brian Harrington, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Catherine Skiba, Acting Service Center Manager

10:15 a.m. Panel Discussion with Western Regional Office Leadership

Moderator: Fran Hoey, Vice President, Tighe & Bond

Panel Members:
- Michael Gorski, Regional Director
- Eva Tor, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- Brian Harrington, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Catherine Skiba, Acting Service Center Manager

11:00 a.m. Adjourn
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
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Martin Suuberg was appointed on January 8, 2015 as the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) by Governor Charles D. Baker and his Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Matthew A. Beaton.

With nearly 30 years of experience working in environmental and natural resource agencies at the state and federal level, Martin is a lawyer and manager who has effectively and efficiently administered the environmental laws that protect the quality of life for all Massachusetts’ citizens.

Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Martin served as Undersecretary for Environmental Affairs in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. At MassDEP, Martin served as Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning. He took over this position after 9 ½ years as the Regional Director for the Central Regional Office in Worcester, which serves more than 70 communities in Worcester County and nearby areas and is responsible for environmental permitting, inspection and enforcement activities.

Over his long career, Martin has also served as General Counsel to MassDEP and to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, as well as to the former Department of Environmental Management where he also served as Deputy Commissioner.

Before moving to Massachusetts, Martin was an Associate Solicitor and then Deputy Solicitor at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, DC, where he worked on land management and natural resource issues.

PANEL MODERATOR

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Fran is Tighe & Bond's Business Unit Leader directing the firm's efforts in the Renewable Energy, Education, Healthcare, and Real Estate markets. He has served in a lead design and management role for many of our largest and most complex development projects. Fran is a Director of the firm, and also sits on the Board of Directors for the Environmental Business Council (EBC) of New England, as well as the Leadership Teams for the EBC Renewable Energy Committee and the EBC Connecticut Chapter.

Fran has over a decade of experience on the Board, and is currently Chairman of a large municipal electric company with electric generation, distribution, and transmission facilities – as well as natural gas distribution, state-of-the-art LNG vaporization, and advanced fiber optic network. He was recognized by the Boston Society of Civil Engineers for his public service efforts focusing on hydroelectric, gas, electric, and energy issues with the Lester Gaynor Award. He was recently invited by Secretary Sullivan to serve on Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Adaptation Advisory Committee, which will advise the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs on how to address the potential impacts of climate change.
Fran holds professional registrations in two disciplines, civil and structural. He earned his bachelor of science in civil engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute; is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP); and holds professional registrations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York.

MASSDEP WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE LEADERSHIP

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Michael J. Gorski is Regional Director for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), Western Region. He is responsible for the overall administration and operations of MassDEP’s Western Region, which encompasses 106 communities primarily in the four western counties of the Commonwealth.

Mike began his career in the private sector and has worked in the environmental, safety and health departments of industrial companies. He has had environmental management responsibilities in several states and Europe.

Mike earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Rochester Institute of Technology with concentrations in environmental science and emergency management. He has been an active volunteer on the State and Regional level. He has been a member of the State Emergency Response Commission, a member and chair of Local Emergency Planning Committees for several municipalities. Mike additionally serves as Fire Chief on the volunteer fire department in his home town of Hampden.

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Brian Harrington joined MassDEP in 2001 as Regional Counsel. In 2002, Brian was appointed Deputy Regional Director for the Bureau of Resource Protection (now Bureau of Water Resources) in the Western Region. That Bureau oversees Drinking Water, Wastewater, Wetlands and the Municipal Services Program.

Prior to joining MassDEP, Brian was an attorney in Private Practice for 12 years in the Springfield Area practicing corporate, business and real estate law. Brian was formerly a City Councilor in Northampton and a member of the Board of Public works. In addition to coaching youth sports, Brian has also served on a variety of committees in Northampton including the State Hospital Advisory Committee, Regional Solid Waste Planning Committee, Florence Plan Committee, Superintendent Search Committee and as Moderator of the Expiring Use (affordable housing) Committee. Brian presently serves on the Board of Directors of Freedom Credit Union.

Brian’s experience as an attorney representing businesses, as a City Councilor and as a Board of Public Works member allows him, as a regulator, provides him an understanding of the needs and interests of businesses and communities as they interact with MassDEP.
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Eva Tor is the Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, Western Regional Office. She has been with DEP for 16 years and oversees cleanup of contaminated sites in the region. Eva has also worked in DEP’s Bureau of Water Resources, overseeing the protection of drinking water sources. In 2012 she was awarded the Manual Carballo Governor’s Award for Excellence in Public Service for her work on follow-up to the June 1, 2011 tornado. In 2011, she completed the Commonwealth Management Certificate Program. Eva is a member of the Licensed Site Professional Association and participates in the Western Mass Subcommittee of the LSPA. Prior to coming to MassDEP, Eva worked in the environmental engineering consulting industry. She is a registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts and received a B.S. in Civil Engineering and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign.

Upcoming EBC Programs

- Nov 20: New Hampshire’s Evolving Energy Future
- Dec 3: 17th Annual Winter Garden Party – Boston
- Dec 8: Energy Briefing with MassDOER Division Directors
- Dec 8: Young Professionals Board Spotlight Program
- Dec 9: Annual New Hampshire Chapter Holiday Party
- Dec 10: Annual Rhode Island Chapter Holiday Party