



EBC Program Series with MassDEP Leadership Commissioner Suuberg and the Central Region Leadership Team

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Environmental Business Council
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AGENDA

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

8:15 a.m. Keynote Address: Review of MassDEP Priorities



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

8:45 a.m. Update from the MassDEP Central Region Leadership Team

- Mary Jude Pigsley, Regional Director
- Mark E. Baldi, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- John Kronopolus, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Air and Waste
- Marielle Stone, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Andrea Briggs, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Administrative Services

9:45 a.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: Robert Cox, Vice Chair, EBC; Partner, Bowditch & Dewey, LLP

Panel Members:

- Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
- Mary Jude Pigsley, Regional Director
- Mark E. Baldi, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- John Kronopolus, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Air and Waste
- Marielle Stone, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Andrea Briggs, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Administrative Services

10:45 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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Bob Cox is recognized as one of the top environmental lawyers in Massachusetts by Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business. He has been selected by his peers as one of the Best Lawyers in America in the practice area of Environmental Law and Litigation – Environmental, and since 2004, he has been selected for inclusion in Massachusetts Super Lawyers. Mr. Cox counsels clients on environmental compliance and enforcement actions. He represents clients with respect to water, air, hazardous waste, and solid waste matters before the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and local regulatory boards. He has significant experience in NPDES water permitting, including appeals of NPDES permits to the Environmental Appeals Board, as well as administrative appeals and hearings on MassDEP issued permits. He defends claims and actions brought by government environmental enforcement agencies. He also represents clients in cost recovery claims and private party litigation under Chapter 21E and CERCLA in state and federal courts. He regularly advises clients on brownfields development activities and on strategies to limit or shift environmental liability risks in connection with real estate or business transfers.

Mr. Cox is a frequent speaker on environmental law and has authored many publications on current topics in the practice of environmental law. He was founding chair of the Environmental Law Section of the Worcester County Bar Association. Mr. Cox is active in various civic and professional organizations, including the Massachusetts Bar Association, Boston Bar Association, Worcester County Bar Association and MCLE, and in the Town of Rutland, where he served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 15 years.

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Mark Baldi is the Deputy Regional Director for the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup in MassDEP's Central Regional Office. In this role, Mark is responsible for the operations and oversight of the bureau including the Emergency Response, Compliance & Risk Reduction, and Audit Sections. He has worked in BWSC since 1993; first as a BWSC auditor and later as the Audit Section Chief. As an auditor, Mark has strived to provide pragmatic feedback to LSPs and their clients while maintaining high MCP performance standards. In addition to audits, Mark has also managed several complex Tier IA sites for the Department. He has lead MassDEP's Audit Case Study training classes for LSP continuing education credits, and participated as a work committee member for MADEP Standard References for Small Diameter Driven Wells, and the Remedial Alternatives workgroup. Prior to working at the Department, Mr. Baldi's employment as an environmental scientist included responsibility for oversight of underground storage tank removals, site assessments, and remediation. Mr. Baldi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics with a minor in Geology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

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Andrea is the Deputy Regional Director for Administration at MassDEP's Central Regional Office. In addition to managing daily facility operations, Andrea oversees all outreach and technical assistance efforts, including pre-permitting meetings, government affairs and public records response for the Central Region. In this role, Andrea seeks to establish strong partnerships with local officials and business and industry representatives in Central Massachusetts to encourage local and economic development in the balance of environmental protection and stewardship. Prior to joining MassDEP, Andrea spent 4 years working in the Massachusetts Senate as the Legislative Director for Senator Stephen M. Brewer, where she developed an interest in environmental policy as a lead researcher for the Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. After leaving the State Senate in 2004, Andrea spent a year as the Government Affairs/Media Coordinator for the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) Advisory Board, where she was particularly interested in the issue of balancing the drinking water needs of Greater Boston with the protection of its reservoirs and surrounding resources. As a Manager in MassDEP's Central Regional Office for nearly 10 years now, Andrea enjoys using her experience in environmental policy to assist municipalities, businesses and private citizens in addressing a variety of environmental issues. Andrea holds a BA in Political Science and Communications from Stonehill College.

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John has over 38 years in state service and over 33 years with MassDEP. Since beginning his career in 1981, John has served as Section Chief for several programs including the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Training program, the Division of Hazardous Waste, the Air Pollution Control Permit Program and most recently the Bureau's Compliance and Enforcement Section. During his tenure as the Compliance and Enforcement Chief, MassDEP went from single-media inspections to multi-media inspections, which included compliance oversight of the Air Pollution Control, Hazardous Waste, Industrial Wastewater, Toxics Use Reduction and Underground Storage Tank Regulations. In 2012, John took on the position of Deputy Regional Director for the Bureau of Air and Waste in MassDEP's Worcester Office,

where he oversees Compliance and Enforcement, Solid Waste and Air Quality. John graduated from the University of Lowell, Lowell, MA (formally Lowell Technological Institute) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering with sub-majors in Sanitary and Structural Engineering.

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Mary Jude Pigsley is the Regional Director of MassDEP's Central Regional Office in Worcester. Ms. Pigsley joined MassDEP in 2000, and most recently served as Chief Regional Counsel, providing legal advice to the Regional Director and all of the bureaus. She has also served as Deputy Regional Director for the water programs in the region, and counsel to the air and waste programs. Before joining MassDEP, Ms. Pigsley was General Counsel at the Division of Capital Asset Management in Boston, overseeing acquisition and disposition of the Commonwealth's real property as well as environmental permitting issues for \$250 million in construction projects annually. Ms. Pigsley was previously in private practice in the environmental departments of WilmerHale in Boston and Ballard, Spahr, Andrews, and Ingersoll in Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Temple University School of Law and earned B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Marielle has worked for the Department of Environmental Protection since 1985. She started working for the Division of Water Pollution Control's Technical Service Branch in Westborough for the biomonitoring program performing macroinvertebrate taxonomy. She also worked for the Clean Lakes program conducting baseline water quality assessments and macrophyte mapping of various lakes and ponds in the Commonwealth.

Since 1987 she has worked in the Central Regional Office's Bureau of Water Resources. She spent 20 years in the Wetlands Program conducting Wetlands Protection Act and 401 Water Quality Certification permitting and enforcement activities, including many complex projects. She also served as CERO's Wetland Program Coordinator, which involves management of permitting activities for the region and a contact for regional wetland program related issues.

In 2007 she became the Drinking Water Program Section Chief overseeing compliance, permitting, technical assistance, and enforcement related activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act ensuring the delivery of safe, fit, and pure drinking water to consumers from the 450 or so public water systems located in the Central Regional. Her responsibilities also included management and oversight of the implementation of the Water Management Act and regulations. In 2012 she served as the Acting Program Director for the Commonwealth's Drinking Water and Water Management Programs in Boston.

She returned to CERO in 2013 and was appointed the Deputy Regional Director of Bureau of Water Resources. In her role as DRD for BWR, she oversees the regional responsibilities related to implementation of the Wetlands Program, Drinking Water Program, Wastewater Program, Water Management Program, and State Revolving Fund Program. She is the primary contact for BWR related matters and routinely interacts with the various stakeholders including municipalities, businesses, plant operators, developers, consultants, environmental advocates, other state agencies, etc.

She received a B.S. in Plant and Soils Sciences from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and a M.S. in Resource Management and Administration from Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH.