



## **EBC Connecticut Chapter Program: Connecticut Solid Waste Management Update**

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### **AGENDA**

- 8:00 a.m.     **Welcome:** Ann Gisinger, Director of Business Operations, EBCNE
- 8:10 a.m.     **Introduction:** Dana Huff, P.E., Program Chair and Moderator  
Vice President, Tighe & Bond, Inc.
- 8:20 a.m.     **Legislative Update**
- Christopher McCormack, Attorney, Pullman & Comely LLC
- 9:00 a.m.     **Peak Trash: Can Connecticut Avoid a Waste Management Crisis?**
- Chris Nelson, Supervising Environmental Analyst  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
State of Connecticut
- 9:40 a.m.     **Connecticut's Solid Waste System Resource Recovery Project**  
*Resource Rediscovery*
- Lee Sawyer, Policy Advisor  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
State of Connecticut
- 10:15 a.m.    **Networking Break**

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- 10:45 a.m. Bridgeport Resource Recovery Facility Update**
- Philip Schwer, Plant Manager, Bridgeport, Wheelabrator Technologies
- 11:15 a.m. Solid Waste Management Issues Facing Connecticut**  
Panel Moderator: Dana Huff, Tighe & Bond  
Panelists:
- Christopher McCormack, Pullman & Comely LLC
  - Chris Nelson, CT DEEP
  - Lee Sawyer, CT DEEP
  - Philip Schwer, Wheelabrator Technologies
- 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.

### **SPEAKERS**

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Christopher P. McCormack, an attorney based in the Bridgeport office of Pullman & Comely, 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 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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Chris Nelson has been with CT DEEP for over 25 years and is currently the Supervising Environmental Analyst of the Sustainable Materials Management Program within the Bureau of Material Management and Compliance Assurance (MMCA). This program is responsible for coordinating implementation of the State's Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy (CMMS) and developing programs and policies that support Connecticut's materials management hierarchy and efforts to achieve 60% diversion of disposed materials in the state.

Chris holds a Master of Environmental Management degree from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Connecticut.

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Lee Sawyer is Policy Advisor in the Office of the Commissioner at DEEP, where he coordinates statewide planning and policy on materials management. Prior to joining DEEP in 2014, he worked as a Public Policy Fellow in Governor Dannel Malloy's office, Director of Communications at Goodwin College, a consultant to the Connecticut Invention Convention, and as a journalist. He is a member of the CT Bar with a JD from the University School of Law and a BA in Political Science and Public Administration from Central Connecticut State University.

**Philip Schwer**, Plant Manager, Bridgeport  
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Phil Schwer is the Plant Manager of the Wheelabrator Bridgeport EfW facility. Phil has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Pace University and is an ASME certified Chief Facility Operator. He has a thorough understanding of every aspect of operating an EfW facility, having held every position in the operations department at Wheelabrator's Westchester, New York facility and has been with Wheelabrator for 11 years. Phil was also part of a team of commissioning support engineers that assisted in the startup of the Ferrybridge EfW facility in the UK. As Operations Manager in Westchester, Mr. Schwer played a key role in the startup operations for a monumental steam sales project, lead the operations team to a record year in processing in 2015, and achieved OSHA VPP Star recertification at the facility. He went on to lead the Wheelabrator Dutchess team of 34 employees as Plant Manager for six months before he handed the plant over with favorable operations statistics earlier this year in June. Mr. Schwer has been recognized for his successes and was named Wheelabrator Bridgeport Plant Manager on June 20th. He is now responsible for managing a total of 65 employees across the EfW facility and two transfer stations.