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

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Tighe & Bond | Westfield, Massachusetts

AGENDA

7:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast

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

9:00 a.m.  Update from the MassDEP Western Region Leadership Team
- Michael Gorski, Regional Director
- Eva Tor, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- Brian Harrington, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Steve Ellis, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Air and Waste

10:00 a.m.  Panel Discussion
Moderator: Fran Hoey, Vice Chair, EBC; Senior Vice President, Tighe & Bond

Panel Members:
- Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
- Michael Gorski, Regional Director
- Eva Tor, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- Brian Harrington, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Steve Ellis, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Air and Waste

11:00 a.m.  Adjourn
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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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 1/2 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.
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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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Steven Ellis serves as the Deputy Regional Director for the Bureau of Air and Waste (BAW) in MassDEP's Western Regional Office. The Bureau of Air and Waste is responsible for managing multiple regulatory programs, including air quality control, solid and hazardous waste management, industrial waste water discharges, toxic use reduction, and the Underground Storage Tank program. At DEP, Steve has worked in both the Boston and Springfield offices in various capacities. In addition to his work for the
Commonwealth, he has also worked for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Steve has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Regional Planning degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

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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

NOVEMBER 2017
November 9 – Professional Development Program: “How do I get there from here?”
November 13 – New Hampshire Chapter Program Planning Meeting
November 15 – Forecasting Trends – Environmental Engineering and Consulting Industry, with Paul Zofnass
November 16 – Water Resources Program: Green Infrastructure Opportunities
November 17 – EBC & UMASS Climate Adaptation Forum – Three Cutting Edge Adaptation Programs
November 20 – Webinar – WattTime – Enabling End-Users to Avoid Electric Grid Emissions in Real-Time
November 21 – Ocean and Coastal Resource Management Program: Living Shorelines
November 28 – Climate Change Matchmaking Forum
November 29 – New Hampshire Clean Energy Overview
November 29 – Meet the EBC Committees Wine Tasting
November 30 – Mass DOER Division Leadership Team – Creating a Cleaner Energy Future
November 30 – Ascending Professionals New Hampshire Program – Brownfields 101

DECEMBER 2017
December 6 – Energy Resources Program Planning Meeting
December 6 – Solid Waste Program Planning Luncheon
December 7 – Rhode Island Chapter Program Planning Meeting
December 7 – Annual Winter Garden Party
December 8 – Water Resources Program Planning Meeting
December 13 – New Hampshire Holiday Party
December 14 – Connecticut Chapter Program Planning Meeting
December 14 – Rhode Island Holiday Party

JANUARY 2018
January 5 – Site Remediation & Redevelopment Committee Program Planning Meeting
January 8 – Climate Change and Air Committee Program Planning Meeting
January 8 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Committee Program Planning Luncheon
January 9 – MassDEP Commissioner Suuberg and Headquarters Leadership
January 10 – Ascending Professionals Committee Program Planning Meeting
January 12 – Climate Adaptation Forum
January 17 – Evening Program with EOEEA Secretary Matthew Beaton