



**EBC Rhode Island Program
Legislative Briefing on Energy and Environmental Initiatives**

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management | Providence, RI

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome, Program Introduction, and Overview**
- Rick Mandile, Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter
Principal, Sage Environmental, Inc.
- 8:15 a.m. Environmental Legislative Initiatives**
- Joseph Masino, Legislative Liaison
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- 8:45 a.m. Energy Legislative Initiatives**
- Christopher Kearns, Legislative Liaison, Renewable Program, Energy Policy
Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
- 9:15 a.m. Panel Discussion**
- Moderator: **Rick Mandile**, Sage Environmental, Inc.
- Panel Members:
- **Joseph Masino**, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
 - **Christopher Kearns**, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
- 10:00 a.m. Adjourn – Closing Comments – Rick Mandile, Sage Environmental, Inc**

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After graduating from Vermont Law School's prestigious Environmental Law Center, Rick Mandile began his career performing a broad range of environmental assessment and remedial services in New England. For the first 10 years of his career, he worked for a small and large consulting firm. In 1995, Rick founded SAGE Environmental which he and his team have grown to become the largest RI headquartered environmental, health and safety (EH&S) consultancy. To-date Rick has lead the environmental assessment of over 2,000 properties throughout the East coast and successfully completed some of the most complex remedial projects in the region.

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He is recognized as a master strategist in securing approvals for complex and controversial projects, developing environmental compliance plans for pro-active and troubled companies, and successfully completing and defending a wide variety of environmental permits.

Rick represents developers, businesses and high net worth individuals with real estate and business due diligence needs as well as permitting, siting, compliance and auditing services. His projects comprise all scales of commercial and industrial developments/redevelopments ranging from residential subdivisions to industrial scale energy projects. Environmental assessment and remedial projects include many state and federal brownfields sites, hospitals, universities, solar farms, industrial scale anaerobic digestion facilities, and Fortune 500 firms.

He is the Chair of the Environmental Business Council's Rhode Island Chapter, a member of the Massachusetts LSP Association, RI Society of Engineers and RI Realtors Association, amongst others.

Rick is a licensed ship captain, an avid outdoorsman and enjoys spending time with his two children, Caleb and Mackenzie, and his partner, Carleen.

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Chris Kearns is the Interdepartmental Manager and Legislative Liaison for the Office of Energy Resources (OER) and works on a variety of state energy legislation, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, natural gas and energy security. Prior to working for the OER, Chris was Governor Lincoln Chafee's Policy and Legislative Analyst for transportation, environmental and energy matters. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island, with a Bachelor Degree in Environmental and Economic Management in 2008.

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UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

March 7 – Water Resources Program: Massachusetts NPDES Primacy
March 13 – Briefing from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Leadership
March 14 – Evening Program with MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg
March 15 – Climate Change Program Series: Vulnerability and Adaptation for Habitat
March 20 – Ascending Professionals Introductory Program Series: Navigating Chapter 91
March 21 – EBC/NECA/YPE Site Visit to the Schneider Electric Research & Development Headquarters
March 27 – Connecticut Legislative Briefing on Energy and Environmental Initiatives
March 28 – Noise Program: MassDEP Noise Policy Implementation
March 28 – Ascending Professionals Introductory Program Series: Navigating MEPA
April 10 – Rhode Island Program: Updates from Rhode Island DEM, CRMC & OER