



## **EBC Connecticut Program**

### **Update from U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Alexandra Dapolito Dunn and Connecticut DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee**

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### **AGENDA**

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction: Dana Huff, Chair EBC Connecticut Chapter  
Senior Vice President, Tighe & Bond
- Welcome to Eversource: Catherine Finneran, Director of Environmental Affairs
- 6:15 p.m. Update from Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection



**Rob Klee**, Commissioner  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
State of Connecticut

6:45 p.m. Update from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



**Alexandra Dapolito Dunn**  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA – Region One

7:15 p.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Dana Huff**, Tighe & Bond

Panel Members:

- **John Albrecht**, Vice President, AECOM
- **Catherine Finneran**, Director of Environmental Affairs, Eversource Energy
- Colonel (Ret.) **Curt Thalken**, Senior Vice President and COO  
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8:00 p.m. Adjourn

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Alexandra Dapolito Dunn**, Regional Administrator  
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Alexandra Dapolito Dunn serves as the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 1. Her responsibilities include overseeing the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and ten tribal nations.

Prior to joining EPA Region 1, Ms. Dunn served as executive director and general counsel for the Environmental Council of States (ECOS), a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to helping state agencies improve environmental outcomes for all Americans. Since 2014, Ms. Dunn has helped state governments improve water infrastructure, air pollution control, site cleanup, chemical management, and economic development. Prior to joining ECOS, Ms. Dunn served as executive director and general counsel for the Association of Clean Water Administrators.

Ms. Dunn has been published in the areas of the ethics of community advocacy, environmental justice, urban sustainability, water quality, cooperative federalism, and the Clean Water Act. She has taught on the subjects of environmental justice, and human rights and the environment as dean of Environmental Law Programs at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. She has also taught at the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, where she served as faculty adviser to the student Environmental Law Society. Ms. Dunn most recently

taught environmental justice as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at the American University's Washington College of Law.

In 2015, Ms. Dunn was elected to the American College of Environmental Lawyers and served in leadership roles through the end of 2017. She also served through the end of 2017 on the executive committee and board of directors of the Environmental Law Institute. She has chaired the American Bar Association's (ABA) section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, its World Justice Task Force, and served on the ABA Presidential Force on Sustainable Development.

Ms. Dunn received a B.A. in political science from James Madison University followed by a J.D. from the Columbus School of Law, where she was elected editor-in-chief of the law review. She is a member of the bar in D.C., Maryland, and New York, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Rob Klee**, Commissioner

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Rob Klee is the Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Commissioner Klee was appointed by Governor Dannel P. Malloy in January 2014.

DEEP is the state agency charged with conserving, improving and protecting the state's natural resources and environment, providing first-rate outdoor recreation opportunities, and bringing cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable energy to Connecticut's residents and businesses. DEEP is focused on integrating energy and environmental policies and helping Connecticut to build a sustainable and prosperous 21st-century economy.

Commissioner Klee joined DEEP in April 2011 as Chief of Staff. In that role he oversaw the work of the agency, supported the efforts of the Commissioner, and advised the Commissioner and senior staff on a wide range of environmental and energy policy issues.

Prior to joining state service, Commissioner Klee was an attorney with Wiggin and Dana LLP, in New Haven, where he specialized in appellate work and energy and environmental law.

From 2004 to 2005 Commissioner Klee worked as a Law Clerk for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut and from 2005 to 2006 as a Law Clerk for the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as a Research Affiliate in the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies from 2006 to 2008.

Commissioner Klee serves on the governing bodies of several organizations focused on critical environmental and energy issues. His involvement includes:

- Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) – Chairman

- Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation, Co-Chair, Executive Steering Committee
- Connecticut Green Bank – Vice Chairman, Board of Directors
- Connecticut Blue Plan Advisory Committee – Chairman
- RecycleCT Foundation – Council Chairman
- Environmental Council of the States – Region One Representative to the Executive Board

Commissioner Klee holds a Ph.D. from Yale’s School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in industrial ecology, a law degree from Yale, and an undergraduate degree from Princeton in geology and environmental science.

Commissioner Klee and his wife Anne have two sons.

## **PANEL MEMBERS**

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John Albrecht has over 25 years of experience providing environmental services to industrial, commercial, utility, federal, state, and municipal clients. He is a Licensed Environmental Professional in the State of Connecticut and a Vice President in AECOM’s Environment business line. He is the Industrial Market Sector Leader for the New York Metro and Northeast Regions. In this capacity, John is responsible for growing AECOM’s market share with industrial, commercial, rail, high-tech, and healthcare clients. John’s education includes bachelor’s degrees from the University of Connecticut in Economics, and Natural Resource Management & Engineering.

AECOM has over 350 environmental staff in New England providing remediation, impact assessment and permitting, environmental health & safety, and air services. It is one of world’s largest engineering, construction, and professional services firms with over \$18.2 B in revenue, and over 87,000 employees in 150 countries.

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Catherine Finneran is Director of Environmental Affairs at Eversource Energy, New England’s largest energy delivery company serving 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She manages 45 scientists, engineers and specialists focused on environmental protection, permitting for electric and gas transmission and distribution project siting, and regulatory compliance.

Ms. Finneran comes to Eversource Energy with more than 20 years of experience focused on clean energy, environmental protection and economic development. Before joining Eversource Energy, she served as Senior Director of the Renewable Energy Generation Division at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), where she oversaw the design and implementation of rebate and grant programs targeted at growing the Massachusetts clean energy market to increase deployment of wind, solar photovoltaic, hydropower, and anaerobic digestion projects. Ms. Finneran also was responsible for the clean heating and cooling rebate programs (energy efficient heat pumps, cleaner biomass, solar hot water), as well overseeing the group responsible for developing and managing the software platform used to track and report energy production under the Massachusetts Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) Program.

She previously served as the Director of Clean Energy for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). In this role she worked across water, air, solid waste, and waste site cleanup programs to advance permitting and siting of clean energy projects at state regulated sites. Ms. Finneran also served as the Brownfield Director for MassDEP, serving as the central point of contact at the state level for the cleanup and reuse of contaminated sites. Previously, she served as a municipal development manager, an acting director of a non-profit corporation, and in project management for a real estate development consulting firm.

Ms. Finneran serves on the Board of Directors for the Environmental Business Council (EBC) and the New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE) Advisory Committee. She previously served as Advisor to the Bunker Hill Community College Energy Sustainability Management Program and to the JFY Networks Environmental Job Training Program. She received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in Environmental Design and Regional Planning.

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Curt Thalken has over 33 years of engineering experience including work in both austere and developed environments. He joined Normandeau Associates Inc. in 2009 and is currently the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In this capacity, he oversees Normandeau's environmental science services including: marine, aquatic, and terrestrial environmental science. Normandeau is one of the nation's largest science based environmental consulting firms with over 250 employees located in 19 offices in 12 states. Prior to joining Normandeau, COL Thalken served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an engineer officer for over 25 years, including assignments teaching at the United States Military Academy, at West Point NY and commanding an engineer battalion in Afghanistan. His military engineering career culminated as Commander of the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), from 2005 - 2008. His education includes a BS, in Chemistry, from the United States Military Academy and MS, in Engineering Sciences, from Dartmouth College's Thayer School of Engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer in the states of: CT, NH and FL.