



EBC Rhode Island & RISEP
Update from U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Alexandra Dunn

Thursday, September 13, 2018

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AGENDA

10:00 a.m. **Welcome:** Rick Mandile, Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter
Member, EBC Board of Directors
Principal, SAGE Environmental

Welcome to Adler Pollock: Alan Shoer, Vice Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter
Partner, Adler Pollock & Sheehan PC

10:10 a.m. **Introduction**



Janet Coit
Director
Department of Environmental Management
State of Rhode Island

10:15 a.m. **Update from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**



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

10:45 a.m. **Moderated Discussion**

Discussion Moderator: Rick Mandile, Principal, Sage Environmental

11:15 a.m. **Adjourn**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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.

DISCUSSION MODERATOR

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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.

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.

ADMINISTRATOR INTRODUCTION

Janet Coit, Director

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Janet Coit is Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), a position she has held since 2011. Coit serves as chair of the State's Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council and the Rhode Island Seafood Marketing Collaborative. Prior to coming to RIDEM, she worked for ten years at The Nature Conservancy as Director of the Rhode Island Chapter. Before that, Coit served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. Coit's background also includes working for three New England Senators and stints at the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. Coit is dedicated to protecting the quality of the environment and the natural systems critical to the health, safety and well-being of Rhode Islanders as she leads the RIDEM. She serves on the board of the Boy Scouts of America's Narragansett Council. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Coit holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where she was president of the Environmental Law Society. She is married with two children.

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UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 2018

- September 13 – Ascending Professionals Symposium
- September 14 – New Hampshire Program: Impact of the 2018 BUILD Act
- September 18 – Solid Waste Management Briefing from MassDEP Regional Solid Waste Section Chiefs
- September 20 – Evolving Role of the Boston Planning and Development Agency
- September 25 – Program Series with MassDEP Regional Leadership: Central Region
- September 26 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: Marine Spatial Planning
- September 27 – Dam Management Committee Program Planning Meeting
- September 28 – Climate Adaptation Forum: Law and Governance Meets Climate Adaptation

OCTOBER 2018

- October 1 – Infrastructure Committee Program Planning Meeting
- October 2 – Program Series with MassDEP Regional Leadership: Southeast Region
- October 3 – Rhode Island Program: Contaminants of Emerging Concern – Update on PFAS
- October 4 – Infrastructure Program: Understanding the Benefits of the ISI Envision Rating System
- October 4 – Member Orientation: Maximize Your Membership Benefits
- October 4 – Meet the EBC Committees Wine Tasting
- October 5 – Connecticut Briefing from CT DEEP Deputy Commissioner Kaliszewski and Bureau Chiefs
- October 10 – Site Remediation Program: Brownfields Funding from Massachusetts State Agencies
- October 11 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Program: 3rd Annual Living Shorelines Conference
- October 17 – Rhode Island Program: Briefing by the Rhode Island DEM Section Chiefs
- October 17 – Ascending Professionals Professional Development Series: Wetlands Permitting
- October 18 – Energy Resources Program: Update on Energy Initiatives from MA State Agencies
- October 19 – Connecticut Program: Update on Solid Waste Management Issues in Connecticut