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**AGENDA**

8:00 a.m.  **Welcome:** David Young, Program Chair & Moderator
          Vice President, CDM Smith

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

8:45 a.m.  **Update from the MassDEP Headquarters Leadership Team**
  - Stephanie Cooper, Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Planning
  - Gary Moran, Deputy Commissioner, Operations & Env. Compliance
  - Victoria Phillips, Director, Enterprise Information Office
  - Ann Lowery, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Planning & Evaluation
  - Douglas Fine, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Water Resources
  - Paul Locke, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
  - Christine Kirby, Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Air and Waste
10:15 a.m.  Networking Break

10:45 a.m.  Panel Discussion

Moderator: David Young, Vice President, CDM Smith

Panel Members:
- Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
- Stephanie Cooper, Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Planning
- Gary Moran, Deputy Commissioner, Operations & Env. Compliance
- Victoria Phillips, Director, Enterprise Information Office
- Ann Lowery, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Planning & Evaluation
- Douglas Fine, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Water Resources
- Paul Locke, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- Christine Kirby, Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Air and Waste
- Ben Ericson, General Counsel

12:00 p.m.  Adjourn

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
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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 ½ 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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David Young is a Vice President with CDM Smith who is headquartered here in Massachusetts. He has worked for CDM for almost 35 years. He currently serves as a Client Portfolio Leader in the North Group of the CDM Smith North American Unit. David has a BSCE degree from Tufts University, and a MBA from Babson College. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in five New England states He is also a member of the New England Water Environment Association Water Reuse Committee and is a Board Certified Environmental Engineer of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. David is a Past President of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts (ACEC/MA) which represents over 110 firms and 7,000 employees. He was inducted into the ACEC National College of Fellows in 2012 and was awarded the ACEC/MA Community Service Award in 2011.

David brings several years of civil and environmental engineering experience having worked on many Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans for various New England communities. He also has developed expertise in the areas of sports fields and water reuse projects. He lives in Mansfield, MA with his family and served on the Mansfield Municipal Building Committee for 14 years.

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Stephanie Cooper was appointed as Deputy Commissioner for Policy & Planning for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in December 2017. In this role she leads agency efforts pertaining to regulatory reform and manages priority initiatives related to air, waste, and water. She joined the agency in 2015, serving as Chief of Staff prior to assuming her current role. Previously, as Assistant Secretary at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, she guided the state's forestry policies and robust investment in land protection, focusing on urban parks, habitat reserves, and working landscapes. Prior to that, as Chief of Staff for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, she oversaw DCR's diverse responsibilities across a 450,000-acre forest and parks system. Previously, Stephanie served the City of New York in a variety of roles, including Chief of Staff for Operations and Director of Management Analysis at the NYC Department of Transportation, and in the Mayor's Office, where she was a liaison to transportation, environmental protection, and capital construction agencies. Her other prior experience includes consulting, community organizing and non-profit work. She holds a BA in political science from Middlebury College and a Master's in public administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School.
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Benjamin J. Ericson has served as General Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) since July 2015. Before that, he served as MassDEP’s Assistant Commissioner for Waste Site Cleanup, overseeing the agency’s programs for hazardous waste site cleanup, emergency response, marine oil spill prevention and natural resource damage restoration. Ben began his career in state government in the Attorney General’s Office in 2001, and served for ten years in the environmental protection division, including six years as Brownfields Unit Chief. Prior to that, he worked in environmental litigation for the law firm of Foley Hoag LLP.

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In March 2015, Douglas Fine became the Assistant Commissioner for Water Resources at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). In this role, Mr. Fine oversees the agency’s work on protecting critical inland and coastal water resources by controlling point and nonpoint sources of pollution; safeguarding public drinking water supplies; ensuring public access to the waterfront, and administering revolving loan programs that help the state's towns and cities improve their environmental infrastructure. Mr. Fine has served in various policy and operations positions at MassDEP since 1989, most recently as Assistant Commissioner for Planning & Evaluation. Prior to joining MassDEP, Mr. Fine worked for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, where he worked on outreach and education. Mr. Fine graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, and earned a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

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Christine Kirby is the Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Air and Waste (BAW) responsible for development and implementation of Air Pollution and Climate programs, Solid, Hazardous Waste, and Recycling programs, the Toxics Use Reduction programs, and the Underground Storage Tank Program. Prior to serving as the Acting Assistant Commissioner, Christine managed BAW's Division of Air and Climate Programs responsible for managing air quality and climate mitigation programs. Christine serves on several regional organizations including the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, the Ozone Transport Commission, and the Transportation Climate Initiative. Christine has been with MassDEP since 1985 and is a graduate of Clark University and the Commonwealth Management Certificate Program.
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Paul Locke has been with the MA Department of Environmental Protection since 1987 and is currently the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, overseeing implementation of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan to assess and clean up disposal sites, the Massachusetts Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (MOSPRA), and the Natural Resource Damage (NRD) Program. Previously as Division Director for Response & Remediation, Mr. Locke oversaw operational aspects of the state cleanup program (including audits, compliance & enforcement and data management systems), the Federal Sites section, and also coordinated with other MassDEP programs. Paul has also served as Director of Policy and Program Development. Before joining Waste Site Cleanup 2002, Paul was head of the Risk Analysis Group within the MassDEP Office of Research and Standards, where he participated in environmental policy development, review of site-specific reports, and provided technical assistance to DEP staff and the regulated community. Mr. Locke has participated in numerous revisions to the site cleanup regulations, including the changes that resulted in a semi-privatized cleanup program in 1993. He was the primary author of the rules that determine “how clean is clean enough?” – the regulations on human and environmental risk characterization. Current projects include the development of a comprehensive soil management strategy and the implementation of DEP’s vapor intrusion initiatives. Mr. Locke holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Harvard College and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the Tufts University program in Public Health.

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Ann Lowery is the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Planning and Evaluation at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Her current work includes strategic planning, information technology and business process optimization, and the oversight of the Wall Experiment Station and the Office of Research and Standards. She has previously served in a variety of positions at the agency most recently focused on water oriented regulatory and policy issues, energy and water management and climate change. She has also led the Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution, the Office of Enforcement, and served as legal counsel in the Office of General Counsel. She is a graduate of Reed College, Northeastern University School of Law, and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

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Gary Moran is the Deputy Commissioner of Operations and Environmental Compliance (OEC) at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). He is responsible for managing MassDEP’s environmental compliance activities, including permitting, compliance assurance, enforcement, and technical assistance and outreach. In this capacity, he oversees MassDEP’s four regional offices. Since joining MassDEP in 1995, Gary has served the agency in a number of management positions, including Legislative Director, Chief of Staff, Regional Director for the Southeast Regional Office, and Acting Deputy
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Victoria Phillips has worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for greater than 27 years. She has degrees in BS in Chemistry and Geology, an MS in Environmental Science and a Master Degree in Public Administration. Victoria started her career at MassDEP in the Hazardous Waste Enforcement Division and soon transitioned into information management and technology activities. Victoria has held several Information Technology positions over the span of her career, including MassDEP Chief Information Officer, EEA Secretariat Information Officer and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Chief Strategic Planning Officer for Information Technology.

Victoria is currently the Director of the Enterprise Information Office at MassDEP where she is leading the agency’s information management transformation initiative.