



**EBC New Hampshire Briefing from the
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Divisional Leadership**

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AGENDA

9:30 a.m. **Welcome:** Robert Varney, Chair, EBC New Hampshire Chapter
President, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

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- Bill Quinlan, President, New Hampshire Operations, Eversource Energy

Program Purpose – What You Will Learn

- Harry Stewart, Program Co-Chair
Senior Associate, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

- 9:45 a.m. **NH DES Divisional Leadership Presentations**
- Rene Pelletier, Assistant Director, Water Division
 - Michael J. Wimsatt, P.G., Director, Waste Management Division
 - Craig A. Wright, Director, Air Resources Division

10:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion with DES Divisional Leadership**

Panel Moderator: Muriel Robinette, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

Panel Members:

- Rene Pelletier, Water Division
- Michael J. Wimsatt, P.G., Waste Management Division
- Craig A. Wright, Air Resources Division

11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**

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Muriel S. Robinette, P.G. is a Senior Consultant with GZA GeoEnvironmental. She holds a B.S. in Geology from UNH and M.S in Engineering from Washington State University, as well as Ph.D. studies at the University of Idaho in mining engineering. She is a registered geologist in New Hampshire, New York and Maine. Muriel is responsible for technical strategy development and management of projects relating to cost allocation and remediation. She has served as a consultant to many PRP groups and as a testifying expert for numerous cases around the United States.

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Mr. Stewart is a Senior Associate at Normandeau Associates, Inc. where he is responsible for project management, permitting and compliance assistance and strategic consulting for energy, water supply, wastewater permitting and other environmental projects. He previously served for over 30 years with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the last 16 as Water Division Director and has also worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as an environmental consultant. Mr. Stewart is a recognized leader regionally and nationally in drinking water and wastewater policy matters and has received regional and national awards for his distinguished career. Harry has an MBA from Northeastern University, an MS in Sanitary Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and a BS in Civil Engineering from Tufts University and is a registered professional engineer.

SPEAKERS

Rene Pelletier, Assistant Director, Water Division
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Rene has 46 years of experience with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Rene has worked in all water related programs at DES and its predecessor, the Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission (1973 to 1987) during his career. For the past 10 years, Rene has been serving as the Assistant Director of the Water Division. Prior to his current position, he managed many of the individual programs within the Division. Since June of 2018, Rene has served as the Acting Director of the Water Division. While in both capacities, he has provided program oversight and assisted program implementation over eight programs/Bureaus within the Division. These programs include Subsurface Systems, Alteration of Terrain, Drinking Water and Groundwater, Wetlands Bureau, Dam Bureau, Wastewater Engineering, Watershed Management and the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program. Rene holds an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire.

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Mike has 30 years of experience with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, including hazardous waste (RCRA) compliance and enforcement, emergency response/incident management, and waste site cleanup and redevelopment. He served as DES's brownfields program manager from 2000-2007, and was appointed Director of the Waste Management Division in 2007. As Director, Mike is responsible for solid and hazardous waste management, petroleum tanks compliance, hazardous materials/emergency response, state and federal waste site cleanup, DES's MTBE remediation program, and administration of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the State University of New York at Syracuse, and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire.

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Craig A. Wright serves as the Director of the Air Resources Division at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, a position he has held since September 2013. Craig has worked in the field of air pollution control at the Department for over 28 years. The Air Resources Division regulates air pollution from industrial and electric generating facilities, conducts programs to reduce air emissions from other sources, such as motor vehicles, to ensure that air quality in New Hampshire meets federal Clean Air Act standards. Craig holds a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of New Hampshire.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 2019

- February 20 – Connecticut Ascending Professionals Program: Career Panel
- February 26 – Climate Change Program: Designing for an Uncertain Future
- February 27 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Program: 3rd Annual Coastal Construction Conference
- February 27 – Professional Development: Project Management for the Ascending Professional

MARCH 2019

- March 1 – Climate Adaptation Forum: The ‘R’ Word – Retreat, Relocation and Climate Resilience
- March 5 – Rhode Island & RISEP Program: Legislative Briefing
- March 6 – Ascending Professionals Program: Health and Safety on Remediation Sites
- March 12 – New Hampshire Energy Program: Non Wire Alternatives**
- March 13 – New Hampshire Ascending Professionals: Data Management Program**
- March 22 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: The Northeast Ocean Data Portal
- March 27 – Evening Program: Annual Review from MassDEP Commissioner Marty Suuberg
- March 29 – Solid Waste Management Program: “Talking Trash” Northern New England**

APRIL 2019

- April 4 – Rhode Island Program: Briefing from State Agency Leadership
- April 9 – Energy Resources Program: States Procurement of Renewables
- April 10 – Site Remediation & Redevelopment Briefing from the MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- April 12 – Dam Management Program: Dam Removal & Sediment Management
- April 24 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: Implementation of Municipal Vulnerability Assessments
- April 25 – Connecticut Update from the U.S. EPA Region 1 Regional Administrator and CT DEEP
- April 26 – Climate Change Program: Business and Facility Planning and Preparedness
- April 29 – Solid Waste Management Program: “Talking Trash” Southern New England
- April 30 – Energy Resources Site Visit to ISO New England

MAY 2019

- May 13 – New Hampshire Chapter Program Planning Meeting**