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Hot Issues & Ongoing Challenges

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AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome:** Daniel Moon, President and Executive Director, EBC
- Welcome to WilmerHale:** David Gold, Special Counsel, WilmerHale
- Introduction – Program Overview and What You Will Learn**
- COL (Ret.) Christopher Barron, Program Moderator
Senior Regulatory Specialist, Normandeau Associates, Inc.
- 8:20 a.m. Operational Overview of District Office**
- Scott E. Acone, P.E., PMP
Deputy District Engineer, Programs & Project Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
- 8:40 a.m. Environmental (HTRW) Program**
- Gary Morin, P.E., Chief, Environmental Project Management Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
- 9:00 a.m. Regulatory Program**
- Kevin R. Kotelly, P.E., Chief, Permits and Enforcement, Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
- 9:20 a.m. Planning Program**
- John Kennelly, Chief, Planning Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
- 9:40 a.m. Networking Break**
- 10:10 a.m. Panel Discussion**
- Moderator: Christopher Barron, Normandeau Associates, Inc.
- Panelists:
- Scott Acone, Deputy District Engineer, Programs & Project Management
 - John Kennelly, Chief, Planning Division
 - Kevin Kotelly, Chief, Permits and Enforcement, Regulatory Division
 - Gary Morin, Chief, Environmental Project Management Branch
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Scott E. Acone, P.E., PMP, Deputy District Engineer for Programs & Project Management
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Mr. Scott Acone joined the Corps of Engineers as an Engineer Intern with the New England District in 1988. Upon completion of the intern program, he worked in the Water Control Branch as a hydraulic engineer. In addition to performing hydrologic and hydraulic analyses for planning and design, Mr. Acone managed the District's Periodic Inspection Program for the dams and hurricane barriers. He became the District's ice engineering expert, responding to numerous ice jam events during the 1990's.

In 1999, Mr. Acone moved from Engineering to Project Management as a project manager, eventually becoming the Chief of the Military and Environmental Project Management Branch in 2010. During his time as a Project Manager, several of his projects received significant awards, including the Eastland Woolen Mill Superfund Site, which was awarded both the National Honor Award for Engineering Excellence from the American Council of Engineering Companies in 2003 and the 2004 Build America Award for Environmental Remediation from the Associated General Contractors of America.

Other significant projects that Mr. Acone has been involved with include: the Elizabeth Mine Superfund Site in Vermont; the Central Artery and Tunnel Stem to Stern Safety Review of the Big Dig Project; and the Nacala Dam, where he provided engineering oversight and review to the MillenniumChallenge Corporation for a rehabilitation and raising of an earthen dam in Mozambique, Africa to provide additional clean drinking water to the region.

Mr. Acone was the Chief of Engineering and Planning Division from 2013 through the summer of 2016, where he led 140 technical and administrative professionals in the planning and design of water resources, environmental, and military projects across New England. Mr. Acone currently serves as the Chief of Programs and Project Management Division, leading the execution of about \$250M annually in projects across the Corps' business lines. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a Project Management Professional. He is a graduate of the North Atlantic Division, Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP). Mr. Acone has received numerous awards, including the Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award, Superior Civilian Service Award, and has been recognized by other agencies with awards for excellence.

Mr. Acone is a member of the NAD Regional Management Board, the Corps of Engineers Urban Search and Rescue Program, and of the Society of American Military Engineers.

MODERATOR

COL (Ret.) Christopher Barron, Senior Regulatory Specialist
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Retired Colonel Christopher Barron served 26 years in the United States Army as an engineer officer, culminating with his final assignment as the Commander of the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with responsibility for Civil Works, Environmental Remediation, Military Construction and Regulatory processes for the six New England states. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, a Masters in Military Operations, and was a Visiting Defense Fellow at Queens University in Canada. Previous assignments in the Army included Command, Director

and Staff positions, and his overseas experience include combat, reconstruction, and peacekeeping missions in Somalia, Haiti, Macedonia, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2017, after retiring from the Army, he joined Normandeau Associates as a Senior Regulatory Specialist.

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John R. Kennelly joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in New England in 1979 on a part-time basis while attending college. He has spent his entire career within the Planning office in a variety of progressively more responsible positions and currently serves as the Branch Chief.

A 1980 graduate of the University of Lowell, Mr. Kennelly holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Kevin R. Kotelly, P.E., Chief, Permits and Enforcement

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Kevin Kotelly began working for the New England District, Army Corps of Engineers in 2001, in the Regulatory Division. Prior to working for the Corps, Mr. Kotelly worked in private industry for approximately seven years at various consulting companies, designing and permitting civil and environmental engineering projects in the field of land development and conservation.

Mr. Kotelly worked in the Regulatory Division as a Project Manager in the Massachusetts Branch for many years reviewing all types of permit applications, including many complex and controversial projects. The applications Mr. Kotelly focused on included dredging and beach nourishment, coastal and inland flood mitigation, hazardous waste remediation, electric and gas transmission, aquaculture, wind power, and projects on the outer continental shelf. Mr. Kotelly's more notable projects include the Winthrop Beach Nourishment Project, Cape Wind, Winergy, the Gloucester Harbor Remediation Project, NOAA Woods Hole Berthing Project, Plum Island coastal erosion project, Pioneer Array Project on the OCS, Blue H USA on the OCS, Town of Winchester Aberjona River flood mitigation program, comprehensive dredge and beach nourishment projects for four towns on Cape Cod, and five longline aquaculture projects in federal and state waters. Mr. Kotelly was also the project manager for the Whittier Bridge Replacement Project, a high priority infrastructure project selected by the White House for the Federal Infrastructure Dashboard. The permit received headquarters recognition.

Mr. Kotelly represents Regulatory in the Northeast Regional Ocean Council, a state and federal partnership that addresses ocean and coastal issues. He completed Tier I and II of New England District's Leadership Development Program and attended the Regulatory Leadership Development Seminar at Corps Headquarters. He represented Regulatory on the District Safety Committee for many years. Mr. Kotelly is a member of the NAE Base Development Team, providing support to the military. Mr. Kotelly has been a mentor to three junior staff over the last few years within the Regulatory Division.

In 2015, Mr. Kotelly was selected for a temporary assignment to be Chief of the Massachusetts Branch of the Regulatory Division for 120-days and in March of 2018, he was promoted to be the permanent Chief of

the Connecticut and Rhode Island Branch. Mr. Kotelly is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Massachusetts and has been working in the field of civil and environmental engineering for over 25 years.

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Mr. Gary Morin is the Chief of the Environmental Project Management Branch of the Programs/Project Management Division. His responsibilities include leading the District's efforts on all Environmental programs including the Base Realignment and Closure Program, Formerly Used Sites Remedial Action Program, Formerly Used Defense Sites, and the EPA Superfund Program. Mr. Morin directs a diverse group of Project Managers who manage the individual projects within each program.

Mr. Morin began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1989 as an Engineering Intern and subsequently worked as a Project Manager leading multi-disciplined teams for numerous complex environmental remediation projects on both Emergency and Remedial Actions under the EPA Superfund Program. He also deployed in response to several natural disasters including Hurricanes Bob and Andrew.

In 2001, Mr. Morin assumed the role of Construction Project Engineer at the Fort Devens Resident Office and was responsible for contract administration and construction management of several concurrent military environmental restoration projects. He subsequently was a Project Manager for five years managing projects in support of the EPA Superfund Program including managing the District's efforts on one of the most complex Superfund projects in the region. Mr. Morin then was named Program Manager where he was responsible for the overall leadership, management, coordination and integration of District activities and technical functions on the Formerly Used Defense Sites environmental restoration program.

Mr. Morin is a 1989 graduate from the University of New Hampshire where he earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering. He is also a registered Professional Engineer in the state of New Hampshire.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

May 16 – Connecticut Dam Management Program: Emergency Action Planning

May 16 – Connecticut Chapter Program Planning Luncheon

May 17 – Climate Change Program: Regional Flood Pathways

May 21 – Solid Waste Management Program: Organics in Massachusetts

May 23 – Evening Program: Climate Programs from the City of Boston and the Commonwealth

May 24 – Energy Resources Site Visit: MassCEC Wind Technology Testing Center

May 29 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Program: Brownfields Tax Credits

May 31 – Energy Resources Program: Carbon Capture & Sequestration

June 5 – Rhode Island Program: 2nd Annual Stormwater Conference

June 7 – Climate Adaptation Forum: Disruptive Climate, Disruptive Technologies

June 10 – Energy Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting

June 10 – Dam Management Committee Program Planning Luncheon

June 11 – Connecticut Program: Remediation Standards Update

June 12 – Solid Waste Management Program: New England Conference of State Solid Waste Directors

June 14 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Program: Risk Communication

June 17 – Rhode Island Chapter Program Planning Luncheon

June 19 – EBC 26th Annual EBEE Awards and 29th Annual Meeting – Keynote: Governor Charlie Baker

June 24 – Infrastructure Committee Program Planning Meeting