EBC New Hampshire Leadership Program
Keynote Presenter:
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Commissioner Robert Scott

Reflecting on the NH DES Five Most Critical Issues

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AGENDA

8:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction: Robert Varney, Program Moderator
Chair, EBC New Hampshire Chapter
President, Normandeau Associates

Welcome to Eversource Energy
  • Donna Gamache, Director, New Hampshire Government Affairs

8:15 a.m.  Update from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Robert Scott
Commissioner
NH Department of Environmental Services

8:45 a.m.  Moderated Discussion

Discussion Moderator: Robert Varney, Normandeau Associates, Inc.

Panel Members:
  • Thomas Burack, Senior Vice President, Sheehan Phinney
  • Stefanie Lamb, Senior Geologist, Geosyntec Consultants
  • Kenneth Rhodes, Senior Vice President, Fuss & O'Neill

10:00 p.m.  Adjourn

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robert Scott, Commissioner
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Robert R. Scott, was sworn in as NHDES commissioner on June 29, 2017. He previously served as commissioner of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission since March 2012. As Public Utilities Commissioner he served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and was a member of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure as well as the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. Additionally, Commissioner Scott co-chaired the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners' (NECPUC) subcommittee on cyber security. In 2013, he was appointed as New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE) manager to represent New Hampshire on regional electricity matters.
Before that, Bob worked for NHDES for a total of 17 years in the Air Resources Division (ARD); serving as the director of ARD from 2003 to 2012. He served from 2005 to 2010 on a Governmental Advisory Committee to advise the Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on specific U.S. government policy issues related to the implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation with Mexico and Canada.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Inc. (RGGI) and as a commissioner on the NH Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund Commission.

Bob served as a munitions and aircraft maintenance officer in the US Air Force from 1986 to 1990. He started his career as an engineer in private industry in 1990 before joining State government in 1995. In 2016 he retired as a cyberspace operations officer with the Air National Guard after 30 years of military service, having commanded three Air Force squadrons in his career. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Lehigh University.

**PANEL MEMBERS**

**Tom Burack,** Senior Vice President
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Tom is a nationally recognized strategic leader in the fields of environmental, public health and energy regulation, as well as organizational management and governance. At the start of 2017, Tom returned to Sheehan Phinney after serving for over ten years as the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Tom has deep experience in addressing legal, technical and management challenges associated with contaminated sites and media. While at NHDES, Tom was involved in shaping and directing the State’s response to the discovery of PFAS contamination in Southern NH. Tom has served as a panelist on PFAS-related topics for programs of the American Bar Association and the Environmental Business Council. Tom has substantial experience with hazardous waste management under RCRA, contaminated site cleanups under CERCLA and state laws, related insurance coverage claims, and Brownfields redevelopment. As a representative of the NH Business & Industry Association, Tom played a vital role in helping the NH Legislature craft the state's Brownfields statute, RSA 147-F, in 1996. At the national level, as an adjunct to his environmental law practice, Tom serves as an executive advisor and consultant to the Environmental Council of States (ECOS), the nonprofit, non-partisan association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders, on E-Enterprise for the Environment, a shared governance approach among the US Environmental Protection Agency, states and tribal governments to modernize and streamline the business of environmental protection and regulation in the United States. Tom is a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers, a Harry S. Truman Scholar, and served as Law Clerk to the Honorable David H. Souter on the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, and as Legislative Assistant for Environmental Matters to U.S. Senator Gordon J. Humphrey (R-NH) in Washington, DC.

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Stefanie is a senior geologist in Geosyntec's Bedford, New Hampshire office, responsible for managing complex environmental projects and serving as an interface between clients and regulators. Before coming to Geosyntec, Stefanie served for four years as the Vice President of Public Policy for the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA), advocating on behalf of the BIA and its member firms in areas relating to the
environment, energy, and telecommunications. She testified on behalf of BIA's membership, reviewed state regulations and policies, participated in meetings with legislators and state agencies, and provided legislative updates to BIA's Policy Advisory Subcommittee and Board of Directors.

Prior to working for the BIA, Stefanie worked for 12 years as a professional geologist and project manager and is respected for her breadth of technical expertise, developing strong and trusting client relationships, and her familiarity with state regulations and the legislative process. Her project work has included hazardous waste sites, asbestos disposal sites, petroleum release sites, and hydrogeologic projects ranging from small site assessments to large remedial investigations at industrial facilities.

As part of her education, Stefanie was enlisted in the United States Navy as a machinist. She holds a B.S. in Geology and M.S. in Earth Sciences from the University of New Hampshire. Stefanie enjoys hiking, boating and equestrian sports and spending time with her husband and four legged friends, Hecate (dog) and Cadeau (horse).

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Ken is a Senior Vice President at Fuss & O'Neil in Manchester, NH, and has been involved in numerous planning and site development projects, all of which included coordination of information and review. Through his nearly 35 years of assisting projects through the regulatory process, exposure to regulatory personnel, and the process they manage, Ken has developed excellent working knowledge and relationships streamlining the development process.

**UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS**

**JULY 2019**
July 16 – Climate Change Program: Severe Weather & Emergency Preparedness Tools for Facilities
July 17 – Site Remediation Program: Update from U.S. EPA Brownfields Program
July 18 – Ascending Professionals Committee Program Planning Meeting
July 18 – Ascending Professionals Committee “Year in Review” Celebration Night
July 23 – Connecticut Emerging Contaminants: Identifying Risks from PCBs in Building Materials
July 24 – Emerging Contaminants Program: PFAS Remediation and Disposal
July 26 – New England Climate Change Summit
July 31 – Emerging Contaminants: Treatment and Disposal of PCB Contaminated Building Materials

**AUGUST 2019**
August 1 – Connecticut Emerging Contaminants Program: PFAS Overview
August 6 – EBC & RISEP Annual Rhode Island Chapter Gathering
August 8 – 25th Annual Summer Garden Party
**August 15 – 2nd Annual New Hampshire Ascending Professionals Cornhole Tournament**

**SEPTEMBER 2019**
September 12 – EBC & SAME Annual Portsmouth, NH Harbor Cruise

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