



**EBC Leadership Series - MassDEP Offices and EOEEA Regional Climate Program  
DEP Headquarters Leadership Team**

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*Introducing the EOEEA Regional Climate Program Coordinator*

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

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**AGENDA**

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

8:10 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

8:30 a.m. **Update from the MassDEP Headquarters Leadership Team**

- Stephanie Cooper, Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Planning
- Gary Moran, Deputy Commissioner, Operations & Env. Compliance
- Ann Lowery, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Planning & Evaluation
- Kathy Baskin, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Water Resources
- Paul Locke, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- Christine Kirby, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Air and Waste
- Ben Ericson, General Counsel

10:10 a.m. **Networking Break**

10:30 a.m. **Introducing - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program**

- Carolyn Meklenburg, Regional Coordinator for Greater Boston  
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program  
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

**11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion**

**Panel Moderator:** David Young, Vice President, CDM Smith

**Panel Members:**

- Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
- Kathy Baskin, Bureau of Water Resources
- Stephanie Cooper, Policy and Planning
- Ben Ericson, General Counsel
- Christine Kirby, Bureau of Air and Waste
- Ann Lowery, Bureau of Planning & Evaluation
- Paul Locke, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- Carolyn Meklenburg, Massachusetts EEA
- Gary Moran, Operations & Env. Compliance

**12:30 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**

**David Young**, Vice President  
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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.

### **DEP HEADQUARTERS LEADERSHIP – PANELISTS**

**Kathy Baskin**, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Water Resources  
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Kathy Baskin was appointed as Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Water Resources for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in July 2019 where she oversees the agency's initiatives related to drinking water, water management, wastewater, stormwater, wetlands, waterways, and water quality monitoring and standards. She has worked on a broad range of technical and policy issues related to water and climate change for over 30 years, including 11 years as the Director of Water Policy for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, where she also served as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission. At the Charles River Watershed Association, she developed and directed the research that guided the restoration of the Charles River watershed. She also was an environmental consultant, most recently working with municipalities at Weston & Sampson. Kathy completed her education at Tufts University, where she earned Bachelor's degrees in Civil Engineering and Biology, and a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering. She also holds a Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

**Stephanie Cooper**, Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Planning  
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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. Prior to that, she served as Chief of Staff for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, overseeing 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 as a liaison to transportation, environmental protection, and capital construction agencies in the Mayor's Office. 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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Ben Ericson has served as General Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) since July 2015. From 2011 to 2015 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. Before that, he did environmental litigation in private practice.

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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.

**Paul Locke**, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup  
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Paul directs the MassDEP site cleanup programs, including emergency response activities, marine oil spills, natural resource damage assessment & restoration and the Brownfields Program.

Paul started working as a risk assessor with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Research and Standards in 1987, but moved over to the Waste Site Cleanup program in 2004. He continues to be obsessed by the regulatory question "how clean is clean enough?" In 2020, Paul hopes to implement the new PFAS standards, finalize a long list of pending MCP revisions and roll out draft NRD rules that will standardize what is currently a case-by-case approach.

A former chemist (Harvard College) and fairly civil engineer (Tufts University), Paul has also taught science (West Africa), developed photos (Cambridge), cross-matched blood (Boston) and scooped ice cream (Brighams).

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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, climate coordination, regulatory promulgation, the Clean Energy Results and Water Utility Resilience programs, and the oversight of the Wall Experiment Station and the Office of Research and Standards. She has served in a variety of positions in the agency's Office of General Counsel, Office of Enforcement, Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution and the Water Resources Bureau focused on water oriented regulatory and policy issues. She is a graduate of Reed College, Northeastern University School of Law, and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

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Carolyn Meklenburg is the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Regional Coordinator for Greater Boston. She comes to the MVP program with five years of experience in the environmental field throughout the Commonwealth. She most recently worked with the City of Medford's Office of Energy & Environment on their climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning process, while earning a Master of Arts in Urban & Environmental Planning & Policy from Tufts University. Her thesis work focused on the opportunities and challenges of collaborating at a watershed scale on climate adaptation planning. Before graduate school, Carolyn worked for an urban conservation organization in Lowell (Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust) and, prior to that, served with AmeriCorps Cape Cod. She graduated from Stonehill College with a B.A. in English, and is a native of Westford, MA. She currently resides in Boston, and is excited to work with communities in the Greater Boston region on their MVP projects.

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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 Commissioner for Policy and Planning. Gary has a Bachelor's Degree from Stonehill College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

## UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

### January 2020

- Jan 9 – Leadership Program with Newly Appointed Regional Administrator Dennis Deziel U.S. EPA Region 1
- Jan 10 – New Hampshire Stormwater Series - Part One: State of Stormwater in New Hampshire
- Jan 13 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Committee Program Planning Meeting
- Jan 13 – Climate Change and Air Committee Program Planning Luncheon
- Jan 15 – Rhode Island, RIDEM & US EPA Enforcement Program & Priorities for 2020
- Jan 16 – Briefing from the New England State Dam Directors
- Jan 22 – Evening Leadership Program, EEA Secretary Theoharides: Environmental & Energy Agenda 2020
- Jan 28 – Ascending Professionals Committee Program Planning Meeting
- Jan 30 – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual C&D Materials and Management Regional Summit

### February 2020

- Feb 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charity Networking Night in the Support of the MACC
- Feb 7 – New Hampshire Briefing from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Leadership
- Feb 12 – Rhode Island Program: Coastal Resiliency
- Feb 14 – Seventh Annual Offshore Wind Conference: 2020 Vision – Procurements, Permits, Ports, & Jobs
- Feb 25 – Emerging Contaminants Conference: The Life Cycle of PFAS
- Feb 28 – Climate Adaptation Forum – Underwater Underwriting

### March 2020

- March 25 – Evening Program with MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg