



EBC Program Series with MassDEP Leadership
Commissioner Suuberg and the Northeast Region Leadership Team

*Hot Issues & Ongoing Challenges – Five Most Critical Issues and
Introducing the EOEEA Regional Climate Program Coordinator, Northeast Region*

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

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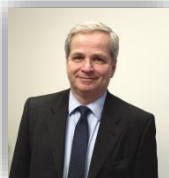
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AGENDA

8:00 a.m. **Welcome: Daniel K. Moon, Executive Director**
Environmental Business Council of New England

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

8:45 a.m. **Update from the MassDEP Northeast Region Leadership Team**

- Eric Worrall, Northeast Regional Director
- Rachel Freed, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Susan Ruch, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Air and Waste
- Stephen Johnson, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
- John Viola, Deputy Regional Director, Operations and Customer Service

10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**

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

- Michelle Rowden, Northeast Regional Coordinator
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion

Panel Moderator: Daniel Moon, EBC

Panelists:

- Martin Suuberg, Commissioner
- Eric Worrall, Northeast Regional Director
- Rachel Freed, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Water Resources
- Susan Ruch, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Air and Waste
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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.

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Rachel Freed has worked for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in the Northeast Regional Office since 1990. As the DRD for BWR, she oversees the regional responsibilities related to implementation of the Wetlands, Drinking Water and Wastewater Programs in the Region. She is the primary contact for BWR-related matters and routinely interacts with various stakeholders including municipalities, businesses, plant operators, developers, consultants, environmental advocates, and other local and state agencies.

Rachel received a B.A. in Urban Studies from Boston University and an M.A. in Urban Affairs and Environmental Planning from Boston University. She also holds an M.A. in Conflict Resolution from the University of Massachusetts – Boston.

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Steve Johnson has a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Merrimack College, and a Masters in Public Health degree, Environmental Health concentration, from Boston University School of Public Health. He has worked at MassDEP's Northeast Region since 1984 when he was hired to be a Project Manager in the newly formed Waste Site Cleanup program. He continued to work in the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, eventually becoming the Section Chief for the Site Management Section which oversaw the assessment and cleanup of the Tier IA sites in the Northeast Region. He is currently the Deputy Regional Director for the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup in the Northeast Regional Office.

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Michelle Rowden has recently taken the position of MVP Regional Coordinator for the Northeast Region at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in August 2019. In her previous role as the Conservation Agent for the Town of Salisbury Conservation Commission she served as the technical advisor to the Commission and the Town for 14 years. In addition to technical review of projects under the Massachusetts Protection Act, she was also heavily involved in pre and post coastal storm activities and grant administration for programs such as FEMA's Community Rating System. Michelle has a BS in Marine Biology from the University of West Florida.

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Susan Ruch is the Deputy Regional Director (DRD) for the Bureau of Air and Waste (BAW) at MassDEP's Northeast Regional Office (NERO). As the DRD, Susan oversees environmental engineers and analysts who focus on Air Quality Permitting, Solid Waste Permitting and compliance and enforcement of Asbestos, Air Quality, Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, Stage I and Stage II vapor recovery, Underground Storage Tanks and other BAW programs. BAW is charged with protecting the public health and the environment by ensuring that toxic chemical use, solid and hazardous wastes, discharges and emissions, and the health risks associated with them are reduced to the maximum extent possible and, when waste and pollution cannot be prevented, they are safely and effectively managed and controlled.

Susan received her J.D. at the National Law Center of the George Washington University in the District of Columbia. She earned her Bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, at Boston University, majoring in Mass Communications with a concentration in law.

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John Viola is Deputy Regional Director for Operations and Customer Service in NERO. He is responsible for managing the daily operation of the regional office, including budget, human resources, accounting and facility management, as well as supervising public records requests, MEPA, file review, public outreach and customer service functions. John also serves as the regional contact for the Department's Office of Municipal & Governmental Affairs. John has over 25 years of experience with the Commonwealth, and has previously served in other positions at MassDEP Boston as well as the Commissioner's office.

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Eric Worrall has served as the Regional Director for the Northeast Regional Office of MassDEP (NERO) in Wilmington for the past 4 years, which serves 89 cities and towns in Massachusetts including the City of Boston. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing and managing all environmental permitting, inspection, compliance assistance and enforcement activities in NERO

Eric has worked for MassDEP since 1999 and has served in numerous capacities at MassDEP, including, Chief of Staff, Director of Enforcement, Deputy Regional Director for the Bureau of Water Resources, and as Project Manager for the Central Artery Project. Eric received a B.S. in Geology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2019

October 24 – New Hampshire Offshore Wind Update
October 29 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: MVP Implementation
October 30 – Update from the Connecticut DEEP Environmental Quality Leadership Team

NOVEMBER 2019

November 4 – Solid Waste Management Committee Program Planning Meeting
November 5 – Water Resources Program: PFAS in Water
November 6 – Leadership Series with MassDEP Regional Teams: Western
November 8 – Annual Ocean and Coastal Resources Dredging Conference
November 12 – Solid Waste Management Program: Impact of PFAS on Solid Waste Operations
November 13 – Evening Program: Update from MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey
November 15 – Climate Change Matchmaking Forum
November 19 – Dam Management Program: Permitting & Funding for Removal
November 22 – Climate Adaptation Forum – Infrastructure
November 25 – Water Resources Committee Program Planning Meeting