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AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Welcome: Christopher D. Haker, P.E., Chair, EBC Dam Management Committee  
Principal Engineer, Tighe & Bond

Welcome from Bowditch & Dewey, LLP: Robert D. Cox, Jr., Managing Partner

Program Introduction, Overview and What You Will Learn
  • J. Matthew Bellisle, P.E., Program Chair and Moderator  
    Senior Vice President, Pare Corporation

Briefing from the New England State Dam Safety Directors

8:40 a.m. Connecticut
  • Ivonne Hall, PE, Supervising Civil Engineer, Dam Safety Program  
    Water Planning & Management Division  
    Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
    Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
9:00 a.m.  Maine
  • John Skelley, P.E., State Dam Inspector  
    Maine Emergency Management Agency

9:20 a.m.  Massachusetts
  • William Salomaa, Director, Office of Dam Safety  
    Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

9:40 a.m.  New Hampshire
  • Jim Gallagher, Chief Engineer, Dam Bureau  
    New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

10:00 a.m.  Networking Break

10:30 a.m.  Vermont
  • Benjamin Green, PE, Section Chief  
    State Dam Safety Engineer Dam Safety Program  
    Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

10:50 a.m.  Rhode Island
  • David Chopy, Chief, Office of Compliance & Inspection  
    Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
  • Paul Guglielmino, Dam Safety Engineer  
    Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
  • Stacey Pinto, Compliance & Inspection, Water Compliance  
    Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

11:10 a.m.  Panel Discussion

Panel Moderator: Matthew Bellisle, Pare Corporation

Panel Members:
  • David Chopy, Rhode Island DEM  
  • Jim Gallagher, New Hampshire DES  
  • Ivonne Grajko Hall, Connecticut DEEP  
  • Benjamin Green, Vermont DEC  
  • William Salomaa, Mass DCR  
  • John Skelley, P.E., Maine EMA

12:00 p.m.  Adjourn – Closing Remarks – Chris Haker, Tighe & Bond
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Mr. J. Matthew Bellisle, P.E. is a Senior Vice President with the civil engineering firm Pare Corporation. In this capacity, Mr. Bellisle leads Pare’s Geotechnical Division in the completion of the firm’s dam, geotechnical and waterfront engineering projects, which include inspection, instrumentation, evaluation, and design, as well as soils evaluations and foundation designs. Mr. Bellisle’s experience spans more than 25 years and includes the inspection and evaluation of more than 750 dams, the design of 2 new dams, and the repair of more than 60 dams throughout New England. Mr. Bellisle has provided presentations to numerous public agencies and has provided training sessions for other engineering professionals through FEMA, RIEMA, RISPE, NEWWA, MADCR and MADCR DWP.

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Responsible for the daily operation of the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Office of Compliance and Inspection (OC&I). OC&I has a staff of 24, comprised of engineers, environmental scientists and technical staff assistants. OC&I is responsible for the regulatory enforcement activities related to Air, Waste, and Water. OC&I investigates complaints and suspected violations of environmental laws and regulations relating to: surface water, ground water, freshwater wetlands, onsite wastewater treatment systems, dams, solid waste, hazardous waste, medical waste, visible emissions, odors, fugitive dust and exterior lead paint removal. In addition to complaint response, OC&I carries out compliance monitoring of regulated activities involving hazardous waste generators, underground storage tanks, exterior lead paint removal and dams.

OC&I coordinates its compliance and enforcement activities with RIDEM's Offices of Waste Management, Air Resources, Criminal Investigation, and Customer and Technical Assistance regarding their compliance monitoring of regulated, permitted, or licensed activities and facilities. OC&I further coordinates with RIDEM's Office of Legal Services and other state agencies such as the Office of the Attorney General and with federal regulatory enforcement agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Initial compliance is handled through warnings, letters of deficiency, notices of intent to enforce and referrals to permitting programs for compliance. OC&I issues formal enforcement actions against regulated facilities or
activities when complaint investigation or compliance monitoring discovers significant noncompliance. Formal enforcement includes issuance of legal orders and assessment of penalties that are subject to appeal and enforceable through the courts.

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Jim Gallagher is the Chief of the Dam Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. In this position he is responsible for ensuring the safety of over 2,600 active dams in the State of New Hampshire. He is also responsible for the design and construction of repairs needed on 274 State-owned dams, as well as for the daily operation and maintenance of over 200 of those dams. Jim is a registered professional civil engineer with over 45 years of experience in water resources and dam engineering. Jim graduated from Villanova University in 1974 with a Bachelors of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering, and he obtained a Masters in Public Administration Degree in 1981 from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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Ben is the Chief Dam Safety Engineer in the Water Investment Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Dam Safety Program (DSP) and has been in that position for the last three years. The DSP administers State Statute Chapter 43: Dams, regulating non-power, non-federal dams in the State. This includes full regulation of 415 dams and partial regulation of approximately 600 dams. In addition, the DSP maintains the state dam inventory, and oversees an inspection program, permitting program, and registration program as well as currently developing the State's first Dam Safety Regulations. The DSP also acts as caretakers and operators at 14 state owned dams, including three major flood control dams and manages associated State lands. Prior to joining the DSP, Ben was a consulting engineer for 12 years in the fields of geotechnical and dam safety engineering. Ben is a Professional Engineer in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts and has a Bachelors and Masters degree in Civil Engineering from Clarkson University.

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Ivonne Hall was recently promoted to Supervising Civil Engineer of the Dam Safety Program at CT DEEP, where she has worked for the past ten years. Previously, she worked in the Municipal Wastewater section at CT DEEP, where she managed the funding and enforcement of complex wastewater rehabilitation projects (totaling up to $700 million) from planning through construction, specializing in combined sewer overflows and Clean Water Fund policy. She has developed strong relationships with municipal officials throughout Connecticut.

Prior to joining CT DEEP, Ivonne worked in private industry in many areas: hazardous waste characterization, transportation, and disposal; soil and groundwater contamination assessment and remediation; stormwater management; and air permitting. Ivonne is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Connecticut. She holds a BS in Chemistry and an MS in Environmental Engineering, both from the University of Massachusetts. Ivonne is passionate about her family and volunteering her time to worthwhile causes such as water resource protection and management, the Girl Scouts, coaching softball/baseball, and special education advocacy.

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Stacey Pinto has been with the RI DEM for 22 years and is currently an Environmental Engineer II in the Office of Compliance and Inspection. Stacey started her career with RIDEM in the Air Quality Program as an inspector and shortly afterwards moved to the Office of Compliance and Inspection. Within the Office of Compliance and Inspection she started as an inspector investigating septic system and water pollution complaints and eventually investigating wetland complaints which involved engineering.

Approximately 10 years ago, inspecting dams were added to her responsibilities and today her primary duties include performing dam inspections and investigating complaints, review dam inspection reports from consultants, procurements and contracts for dam engineering needs, assist the RI EMA in review of EAPs as well as to continue to provide engineering support for the other sections within the Office of Compliance and Inspection.

Stacey graduated from Roger Williams University with a B.S. in Environmental Engineering and a B.S. in Business Administration. Stacey is also a registered Engineer in Training in Rhode Island.

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Prior to joining MEMA, John worked for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for six years in the Bureau of Water Quality. He managed wastewater engineering projects in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) Program, administered grant programs for the replacement of septic systems, and performed periodic reviews for land usage. He has also worked as a structural engineer in private industry prior to joining the State of Maine. John is a Licensed Professional Engineer in Maine and has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine. Outside of work, he enjoys all seasons in the outdoors, travel, and photography.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

JANUARY 2020
January 22 – Leadership Program with Massachusetts EEA Secretary Kathleen Theoharides
January 28 – Ascending Professionals Committee Program Planning Meeting
January 30 – 14th Annual Construction & Demolition Materials Management Summit

FEBRUARY 2020
February 5 – Ascending Professionals 3rd Annual Charity Networking Night
February 7 – Briefing from the New Hampshire DES Division Directors
February 12 – Rhode Island Program: Coastal Resiliency
February 14 – Seventh Annual Offshore Wind Conference
February 21 – Connecticut Dam Management and Removal Program
February 25 – Emerging Contaminants Conference: PFAS Life Cycle
February 28 – Climate Adaptation Forum – Insurance

MARCH 2020
March 4 – Annual “Talking Trash” Conference – Southern New England
March 10 – NH TSCA Program: PCB Cleanup in the Northeast – Case Studies
March 12 – Rhode Island Leadership Program with DEM, OER and EPA
March 17 – Energy Resources Program: Update from MassDOER Leadership
March 18 – Dam Management Program: Construction Dewatering