



## **EBC Emerging Contaminants Webinar PFAS Legal Issues – What Do We Need to be Aware of?**

### **Keynote Presentation**

*Dark Waters: The Story Behind the Environmental Legal Battle Exposing Corporate Cover Up*

**Keynote Speaker:** Robert Bilott, Partner, Taft Law

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### **AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome**
- Frank Ricciardi, Program Co-Chair and Moderator  
Chair, EBC TSCA and Emerging Contaminants Committee  
Vice President, Discipline Leader, Weston & Sampson
- 9:05 a.m. Program Introduction: What you will learn**
- Elizabeth Denly, Program Co-Chair and Moderator  
Vice Chair, Emerging Contaminants Working Group  
EBC TSCA and Emerging Contaminants Committee  
Vice President, Quality Assurance & Chemistry Director, TRC

- 9:10 a.m. **PFAS in Drinking Water – Legal Liability Issues for Water Suppliers**
- Peter F. Durning, Managing Shareholder, Mackie Shea Durning, PC
- 9:30 a.m. **Introduction to PFAS Forensics**
- Elizabeth Denly, Vice President, PFAS Group Program Manager, TRC
- 9:50 a.m. **PFAS: The Only Sure Thing is Uncertainty**
- Andrew Davis, Partner, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP
- 10:10 a.m. **Networking Opportunity**
- 10:25 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Moderated Discussion**
- Panel Moderator:** Frank Ricciardi, Weston & Sampson
- Panel Members:**
- Andrew Davis, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP
  - Elizabeth Denly, TRC
  - Peter F. Durning, Mackie Shea Durning, PC
- 11:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation**



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**Robert Bilott**  
Partner, Taft Law

- 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

### **PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS**

**Elizabeth Denly**, Vice President, PFAS Group Program Director  
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Ms. Denly is a Director in the Technical Development Unit and is the Chemistry/Quality Assurance Director in the Environmental Sector at TRC. She is a chemist with 29 years of consulting experience encompassing field and laboratory analyses and audits, QA/QC, data validation, and consulting for regulatory agencies. Ms. Denly is a leader in ITRC's PFAS and 1,4-Dioxane Teams and in TRC's Center of

Research & Expertise (CORE) Emerging Contaminants Team and received the ITRC's Industry Member of the Year Award for 2017 for her work on the PFAS team. She is currently focusing on PFAS, specifically the nomenclature, chemistry, sampling procedures, QA/QC, and laboratory analytical methodologies, and has a significant role in educating clients, attorneys, and regulators about PFAS.

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Mr. Ricciardi is a registered Professional Engineer and Licensed Site Professional with 20 years of experience in project management, environmental engineering, remediation system design, and hazardous waste site assessments. Mr. Ricciardi has extensive experience in the design and implementation of remediation alternatives for many PCB contaminated sites and buildings. He has managed the assessment/remediation of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund sites and state hazardous waste sites including the U.S. Army's Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Massachusetts; the abandoned Elizabeth Mine Superfund Site in central Vermont; and several Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) heavy maintenance facilities in Massachusetts.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Robert A. Bilott**, Partner  
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Robert Bilott is the tenacious environmental lawyer who became "DuPont's worst nightmare," according to The New York Times. The story in his book, *Exposure: Poisoned Water, Corporate Greed, and One Lawyer's Twenty-Year Battle Against Dupont*, inspired the major motion picture, *Dark Waters* (November 2019), featuring Academy Award winner Mark Ruffalo as Rob Bilott.

Bilott was a corporate defense attorney for eight years until he took on an environmental suit that upended his entire career—and exposed a brazen, decades-long history of chemical pollution. He shares the story of his epic 20-year legal battle against DuPont that consumed his life and exposed the worst case of corporate coverup and environmental contamination in modern history.

Bilott recounts the day a farmer came to his firm, convinced the creek on his property had been poisoned by runoff from a nearby DuPont landfill. Audiences will hear the remarkable legal journey that ultimately revealed massive chemical contamination of unprecedented scale and scope, now impacting virtually every living thing on this planet.

Bilott's story is an unforgettable legal drama about malice and manipulation, perseverance against the failings of environmental regulation, and one lawyer's quest to expose the truth about a previously unknown and still unregulated chemical—presenting one of the greatest human health crises of the 21st century.

To date, Bilott—a partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP—has helped secure over \$1 billion in benefits for his clients exposed to contaminated drinking water. Among his many honors, Bilott was selected as one of the best lawyers in America for several years running and in 2017 received the Right Livelihood Award, commonly known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize."

## SPEAKERS

**Andrew N. Davis**, Ph.D., Esq., Partner  
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Mr. Davis is a partner and Chair of the firm's Environmental Practice Group and serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. He counsels clients in transactional, permitting, compliance and enforcement matters under federal and state health and safety, hazardous waste, air and water pollution, site development and property transfer laws. He serves as a director and in other advisory capacities for several environmental organizations and is a frequent author and speaker on a variety of environmental topics. He is also an adjunct professor of environmental science, law and policy at Connecticut College and is a Fellow at the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment.

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Peter Durning is the Managing Shareholder at Mackie Shea Durning, P.C., an environmental and land use law boutique. Peter focuses his practice in the areas of environmental litigation, enforcement defense, land use and permitting, with a specific focus in the areas of hazardous materials, solid waste, water and wetlands. His experience includes adjudicatory hearings before the MassDEP, zoning disputes, judicial review of administrative proceedings, and appellate work. Peter represents clients in environmental remediation cost recovery actions under M.G.L. c. 21E, as well as business and transactional consulting related to contaminated property.

## UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

### MAY 2021

May 13: Ocean and Coastal Resources Webinar – CAD Cells

May 14: Energy Resources Webinar – Update from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Leadership

May 17: TSCA & PCB Working Group Virtual Program Planning Meeting

**May 18: Emerging Contaminants Webinar – Beyond PFAS – Other Concerning Emerging Contaminants**

May 19: Leadership Webinar – Meet the MEPA Office Director Tori Kim

May 20: Climate Change Webinar – Living with Heat / Green Infrastructure

May 21: Water Resources Webinar – “What Keeps You Up at Night?” – Water Utilities in New England

May 24: Water Resources Committee Virtual Program Planning Meeting

**May 24: Emerging Contaminants Working Group Virtual Program Planning Meeting**

May 25: New Hampshire Webinar – Shining a Light on Solar Power Obstacles and Opportunities

May 26: Professional Development Webinar – Project Management 201 – Key Elements

May 27: Leadership Webinar – Update from the U.S. Army Corps New England District Leadership

### JUNE 2021

**June 2: TSCA Webinar – Testing and Risk Assessment**

June 10: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual EBEE Awards Celebration