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#### **AGENDA**

**8:30 a.m. Welcome: David Murphy**, Chair, EBC Solid Waste Management Committee Vice President, Tighe & Bond

# **Program Introduction and Overview**

Steve Wright, Program Chair & Moderator
 Vice President, Sanborn, Head & Associates

#### 8:45 a.m. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Greg Cooper, Director Hazardous and Solid Waste
 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

#### 9:00 a.m. State of Rhode Island

Mark Dennen, Supervising Environmental Scientist
 Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management
 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

#### 9:15 a.m. State of Connecticut

Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division
 Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

#### 9:30 a.m. Moderated Q&A

Moderator: Steve Wright, Sanborn, Head & Associates

#### Panelists:

- Greg Cooper, Massachusetts DEP
- Mark Dennen, Rhode Island DEM
- Robert Isner, Connecticut DEEP

# 10:00 a.m. Break

# 10:15 a.m. State of New Hampshire

Michael Wimsatt, Director, Waste Management Division
 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

# 10:30 a.m. State of Maine

 Paula Clark, Director, Division of Materials Management Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management Maine Department of Environmental Protection

# 10:45 a.m. State of Vermont

Cathy Jamieson, Acting Director, Waste Management and Prevention Division
 Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

# 11:00 a.m. Moderated Q&A

Moderator: Steve Wright, Sanborn, Head & Associates

#### Panelists:

- Michael Wimsatt, New Hampshire DES
- Paula Clark, Maine DEP
- Cathy Jamieson, Vermont DEC

#### 11:30 a.m. Break

## 11:45 a.m. State of New York

Richard Clarkson, Director
 Bureau of Solid Waste Management
 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

## 12:00 p.m. State of Ohio

Vladimir Cica, Chief, Division of Materials and Waste Management
 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

## 12:15 p.m. Moderated Q&A

Moderator: Steve Wright, Sanborn, Head & Associates

#### Panelists:

- Richard Clarkson, NYSDEC
- Vladimir Cica, OEPA

#### 12:30 p.m. Final Q&A with all Speakers

Moderator: Steve Wright, Sanborn, Head & Associates

#### 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### **CONFERENCE CHAIR**

**Stephen Wright**, P.E., Vice President Sanborn, Head & Associates 1 Technology Park Drive, Westford, MA 01886 978-577-1029 | swright@sanbornhead.com

Steve Wright is a Vice President and Principal Engineer with Sanborn Head & Associates working out of their Westford, Massachusetts office. Steve has 30 years of civil/solid waste experience representing clients in the municipal, higher education, and private industry sectors. Throughout his career, Steve has worked on a wide range of solid waste planning, design and construction projects, including solid waste management feasibility studies; landfill design, assessment, and closure; post-closure site development; transfer station design and construction; and recycling/materials recovery facility planning and design. He also has several

years of consulting management experience, including serving as the environmental group manager for Kleinfelder's Cambridge, Massachusetts office before joining Sanborn Head.

Steve has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a Master's in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University and is a member of the Leadership Team for the EBC Solid Waste Management Committee.

#### **SPEAKERS**

# Vladimir Cica, Chief

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Vladimir Cica is the chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Materials and Waste Management. The division works with a diverse regulated customer base that includes solid waste and construction and demolition debris disposal and recycling industries, composting and scrap tire industries, infectious waste treatment facilities, solid waste planning and recycling organizations, along with managing the beneficial use of certain materials. Previously, Vlad managed the grant and loan administration programs at the Division of Environmental Financial Assistance. Prior to that, Vlad worked with Ohio EPA's brownfield program and solid waste program. Vlad has a Civil Engineering degree from Youngstown State University and is a certified Professional Engineer.

# Paula Clark, Director

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Paula Clark is the director of the Division of Materials Management of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. She is responsible for oversight and direction of programs related to both solid and hazardous waste management. These include: solid and hazardous waste licensing, compliance and enforcement; RCRA authorization; residuals management; composting; beneficial use; product stewardship; municipal recycling and data collection; and, State Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan updates and implementation. She has worked in various capacities on waste management issues for over 30 years. Paula holds degrees from the State University of New York and the University of Maine.

**Richard Clarkson**, Director, Bureau of Solid Waste Management New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7260 518-402-8678 | richard.clarkson@dec.ny.gov

As the director of the Bureau of Solid Waste Management, Mr. Clarkson and his staff regulate solid waste management facilities and waste transporters, review and approve local solid

waste management plans, administer state recycling assistance grants to municipalities, and oversee the abatement of illegal tire sites among other activities. Mr. Clarkson has worked for the Department since 1997. He is a professional engineer and received his bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Greg Cooper**, Director Hazardous and Solid Waste Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection One Winter Street, Boston, MA 617-292-5988 | greg.cooper@mass.gov

Greg has over 25 years of experience working on environmental issues in Massachusetts. He currently manages the Commonwealth's efforts on hazardous waste, toxics, underground storage tanks, asbestos, and solid waste and recycling. This includes overseeing regulation and policy development, financial and technical assistance programs, and compliance and enforcement.

**Mark M. Dennen**, CPG, Supervising Environmental Scientist Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908 401-222-2797 x77112 | mark.dennen@dem.ri.gov

Mark Dennen is a Supervising Environmental Scientist at RIDEM's Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management with a B.S. from Bridgewater State and Master's Degree from the University of Oklahoma in Geology. Following his work as a consultant, he began working at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and has been there for 32 years. He is responsible for oversight of Solid, Hazardous and Medical Waste Facilities in addition to inactive landfill closure and disaster debris response planning. Outside of work he is also an adjunct professor of geology at CCRI and a martial arts instructor.

**Robert Isner**, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 860-424-3264 | Robert.Isner@ct.gov

Robert has been with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division for over twenty-nine years, the past twenty-one years as the solid waste and hazardous waste program manager. His current responsibilities as Director of Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division include management of permitting, compliance assistance, and enforcement activities for the recycling, solid waste, hazardous waste, and pesticide programs. In addition to Robert's normal managerial work, Robert is currently serving as Incident Commander for DEEP's COVID-19 response efforts providing direct coordination with Commissioner Katie Dykes and Connecticut's Emergency Operations Center.

Robert is on the Board of Directors for the Northeast Recycling Council, including three times as President, and the Connecticut Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Science from UConn and a Master of Science from Central Connecticut State University.

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Cathy Jamieson has worked at Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation for over 30 years, focusing on wastewater and solid waste issues. She is a graduate of Bates College and earned a Masters degree from University of Vermont. Since 2007, she has been VT DEC's Solid Waste Program Manager. While in this position, the VT Solid Waste Program has promoted sustainable materials management, assisted in passing and implementing Vermont's landmark Universal Recycling legislation, and adopted a new state Materials Management Plan.

**Michael J. Wimsatt**, P.G., Director, Waste Management Division New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services PO Box 95, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302-0095 (603) 271-1997 | michael.wimsatt@des.nh.gov

Mike has 30 years of experience with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, including hazardous waste (RCRA) compliance and enforcement, emergency response/incident management, and waste site cleanup and redevelopment. He served as DES's brownfields program manager from 2000-2007, and was appointed Director of the Waste Management Division in 2007. As Director, Mike is responsible for solid and hazardous waste management, petroleum tanks compliance, hazardous materials/emergency response, state and federal waste site cleanup, DES's MTBE remediation program, and administration of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the State University of New York at Syracuse, and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire.