



**EBC Dam Management Leadership Webinar
4th Annual Briefing by the New England State Dam Safety Directors**

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AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome:**
- Chad Sumner, P.E., Chair, EBC Dam Management Committee
Principal and Co-founder, SumCo Eco-Contracting
- Program Introduction**
- J. Matthew Bellisle, P.E., Program Chair and Moderator
Senior Vice President, Pare Corporation

Briefing from the New England State Dam Safety Directors

9:20 a.m. Connecticut

- Anna Laskin, Senior Civil Engineer
Dam Safety Program, Water Planning & Management Division
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

9:35 a.m. Massachusetts

- Edward Connor, EAP Coordinator, Office of Dam Safety
Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation

9:50 a.m. New Hampshire

- Jim Gallagher, Chief Engineer, Dam Bureau
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

10:05 a.m. Networking Opportunity

10:25 a.m. Break

10:35 a.m. Vermont

- Benjamin Green, P.E., Section Chief, Dam Safety Program
Water Investment Division
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

10:50 a.m. Rhode Island

- Stacey Pinto, Environmental Engineer III
Office of Compliance & Inspection
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Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

11:05 a.m. Moderated Discussion with Dam Directors

Moderator: Matthew Bellisle, Pare Corporation

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

PROGRAM CHAIR AND MODERATOR

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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 the Pare 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 has experience that 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.

Mr. Bellisle received a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Rhode Island and is a registered professional engineer in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and New York.

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In 2017 Edward joined the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation Office of Dam Safety (ODS) which regulates over 1,500 jurisdictional dams statewide. In his position as Dam Safety EAP Coordinator, Edward is responsible for: reviewing Emergency Action Plans for both High and Significant Hazard Potential Dams, to ensure they adhere to both FEMA 64 Guidelines and ODS regulatory requirements; reviewing EAP inundation modeling parameters and the development of incremental damage assessment mapping results; EAP liaison between MEMA and ODS; DSS WISE Group Manager for Massachusetts; conducting emergency site inspections and maintaining DCR's database of dam records. Edward has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science and Policy from Clark University and over 25 years engineering experience.

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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 47 years of experience in water resources and dam engineering. Jim graduated from Villanova University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering, and he obtained a Master's in Public Administration Degree in 1981 from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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Ben is the Section Chief of the Dam Safety Program in the Water Investment Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Dam Safety Program (DSP) and has been in that position for nearly five years. The DSP administers State Statute Chapter 43: Dams, regulating non-power, non-federal dams in the State. This includes regulation of approximately 1,000 dams statewide. In addition, the DSP maintains the state dam inventory, oversees an inspection program, permitting program, and registration program as well as currently developing the State's first Dam Safety Rules. 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 bachelor's and Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Clarkson University.

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Anna Laskin has worked in the environmental industry for 17 years. She has worked at CT DEEP for the past 13 years, where she gained experience in governmental regulation of water resources while working in the Flood Management Section and the Dam Safety Program. Anna oversees the Emergency Action Plan state regulation compliance for Connecticut's 284 High Hazard Class and 277 Significant Hazard Class dams. Over the course of her tenure at DEEP as a civil engineer, Anna has gained expertise in the following areas: permitting a wide variety of land use development projects as well as dam construction and removal projects, public hearings, enforcement / compliance assistance, inspections, writing regulations, drafting general permits, and training engineer interns. She holds a BS in Environmental and Civil Engineering from Moscow State Technological University, and an MS in Environmental Science from the University of Northern Iowa.

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Stacey Pinto has been with the RI DEM for 23 years and is currently an Environmental Engineer III in the Office of Compliance and Inspection. Stacey started her career with RIDEM in the Office of Air Resources as an inspector and shortly afterwards moved to the Office of Compliance and Inspection. Within the Office of Compliance and Inspection she was an inspector for the Septic System, Water Pollution and Wetland programs.

Approximately 11 years ago, inspecting dams and drafting enforcement actions were added to her responsibilities. This past year she was promoted to Environmental Engineer III for the Dam Safety Program. Currently her primary duties include dam inspections, investigating complaints, managing grants and procurements, maintaining the dam safety database, enforcement actions, repair plans, and assisting the RI Emergency Management Agency in reviewing the Emergency Action Plans.

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.