



EBC 8th Annual “Talking Trash” Conference: Southern New England
Our Region’s Solid Waste Market at a Crossroad: A Look at How We Are Responding

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Jaclyn (Jackie) Caceci, P.E., LEED AP, Project Manager, Tighe & Bond
Jeff Martirano, Managing Engineer, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.
Stephen Sakakeeny, Principal, SAK Environmental LLC
Mark Van Weelden, MA Area Asset Manager and CT Market Area Manager, Covanta

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Attendee Check-In

9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introduction:

- Mark Van Weelden, Chair, EBC Solid Waste Management Committee
Conference Co-Chair
MA Area Asset Manager and CT Market Area Manager, Covanta

Moderator: Jaclyn (Jackie) Caceci, Conference Co-Chair
P.E., LEED AP, Project Manager, Tighe & Bond

9:10 a.m. Massachusetts Updates

- John Fischer, Deputy Division Director, Solid Waste Materials Management
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

9:30 a.m. Connecticut Updates

- Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

9:50 a.m. Rhode Island Updates

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

10:10 a.m. Break

Moderator: Stephen Sakakeeny, Conference Co-Chair
Principal, SAK Environmental LLC

10:35 a.m. Connecticut MIRA

- Peter Egan, Director of Operations and Environmental Affairs
Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority

10:45 a.m. Casella Waste Systems

- Thomas Cue, Director of Landfill Development, Casella Waste Systems

10:55 a.m. Waste Connections

- Ben Harvey, Government Affairs, Waste Connections

11:05 a.m. WM

- Fred Confalone, Director of Logistics & Material Management Business Development, WM

11:15 a.m. Panel Discussion with Agency and Industry Leaders

Moderator: Jeff Martirano, Conference Co-Chair

Managing Engineer, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.

Panel Members:

- Fred Confalone, WM
- Thomas Cue, Casella Waste Systems
- Mark Dennen, RI DEM
- Peter Egan, CT MIRA
- John Farese, Vice President of Business Management, ReSource Waste Services, LLC
- John Fischer, Mass DEP
- Ben Harvey, Waste Connections
- Robert Isner, CT DEEP
- Mark Van Weelden, Covanta

12:00 p.m. Adjourn – Closing Comments – Mark Van Weelden

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Jackie Caceci is a Project Manager at Tighe & Bond in Shelton, CT. She is a registered Professional Engineer in Connecticut and Massachusetts, as well as a LEED Accredited Professional. She has over 17 years of experience focusing on site/civil design, stormwater and solid waste projects. Jackie started her career in Massachusetts where she worked for 14 years before moving to Connecticut 3.5 years ago. She is on the Board of the Southern New England Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), as well as serving as the Connecticut Chair for the EBC. She received both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

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Jeff is a Managing Engineer at Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. with 14 years of experience in the solid waste industry. During his career in the industry he has been involved with both facilities and solid waste planning projects. He has been involved in several operational and efficiency improvement studies at existing Waste to Energy, Material Recovery and Transfer Station Facilities, and has performed technology assessments and feasibility studies related to evaluations of alternative conversion and processing technologies.

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Stephen Sakakeeny is a Principal at SAK Environmental, an environmental engineering firm based in North Andover, MA, that serves solid waste, construction, commercial, and government across New England. He has over 30-years of experience in environmental management in solid waste, brownfields development, emissions permitting, multimedia audits, and real estate. Currently, Stephen oversees enhanced third party waste ban compliance monitoring programs and waste characterization studies at Massachusetts' six waste-to-energy plants, and manages data-driven solid waste diversion programs for private clients. Recently, he served as the Principal-in-Charge for environmental & permitting during construction of the new, \$1B Salem Harbor Energy Center in Salem, MA.

Stephen received his Bachelor Degree from Tufts University and Master's Degree from the University of New Hampshire. He is a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional, Licensed Asbestos Designer, Third Party Waste Ban Compliance Inspector, and Certified Hazardous Materials Manager. Outside of work, Stephen serves on the Essex County Habitat for Humanity Site Selection Committee.

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Mark is the Area Asset Manager for MA and CT for the Covanta assets and also serves as the Market Area Manager for the CT market in his dual role. Covanta is the largest energy from waste company in the US with over 30 US facilities and 4 facilities operating or under development in the EU. Mark has over 30 years of waste experience from growing up around the family waste hauling business, owning his own waste hauling company to extensive leadership positions with Republic Services, Interstate Waste and Advanced Disposal prior to Covanta. For the last 8 years, he has held several leadership roles within Covanta including oversight of IN and NY markets. He is an honorably discharge Navy Veteran who served in the US Naval Mobile Construction Battalion -133, holds an ABA and numerous certificates in leadership, sales force, health and safety training.

SPEAKERS

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Fred is the Director of Logistics and Material Management for WM's New England and Upstate New York Market Area with over 38 years of waste management experience. Prior to his transfer to WM, Fred worked in operations for 30 years at Wheelabrator Technologies as a General Manager responsible for two Waste to Energy facilities and two ash monofills. Fred spent time with WM's Recycle America division in a MRF startup/operation role before assuming a Business Development position within WM's Market Area. Today, he is responsible for managing the logistics and volume flow between WM's and third-party disposal assets as well as the management of the Market Area's solid waste contracts. Fred is a graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy where he earned both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees.

Thomas Cue, Director of Landfill Development

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Thomas has been the Director of Landfill Development at Casella waste Systems since 2016. During that time, he has been part of Casella's growth while also guiding the closure of the Southbridge Landfill. He is now part of several acquisition projects that are aimed at keeping Casella 's disposal abilities maximized for years to come. Before joining Casella, Thomas was a General Manager for Waste Management in both SC and Va. Helping to get a 20-year expansion for King George Landfill in Va. Tom graduated from San Diego St. with a bachelor's in Business Admin.

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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 for 30 years. He is responsible for oversight of Solid, Hazardous and Medical Waste in addition to inactive landfill closure and disaster debris response planning. His most recent publication was on Disaster Debris Management and appeared in the January 2013 Edition of The Professional Geologist. Outside of work, he teaches martial arts, Zen meditation, outdoor ministry and emergency first aid.

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as the organization's Director of Environmental Services, responsible for directing overall environmental strategy and environmental regulatory compliance for MIRA, and managing oversight of five Municipal Solid Waste landfills, two of which also included solid waste management units regulated by Subtitle C of RCRA. Currently, Mr. Egan is responsible for operations of MIRA's waste-to-energy and recycling systems, as well as environmental permitting and compliance for the organization.

Prior to joining MIRA, Mr. Egan was employed for 13 years by Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., where he served in various facility and corporate environmental regulatory compliance positions, most recently as Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Company.

Mr. Egan received a B.S. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and an M.S. in Hazardous Materials Management through the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

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John Farese has worked in the solid waste management industry for over twenty-five years. John began in 1990 for Chambers Development in Pittsburg Pennsylvania. Over the years he has managed landfill and transfer facilities in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. Currently John is Vice President of Business Management for Resource Waste. John works alongside the President in developing the strategic plan for the Company and executing on strategic initiatives, including organic growth initiatives and acquisitions. The VP-BM will also assist in developing and supporting the Company's governmental relations strategy and managing the relationships with the Company's other external stakeholders. John holds a bachelor's Degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Civil Engineering.

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John Fischer is Deputy Division Director of Solid Waste Materials Management at MassDEP. Prior to holding this position, John was Branch Chief for Commercial Waste Reduction at MassDEP. He has been with MassDEP since 1998. John holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Ecology from Connecticut College and a Master's in City Planning Degree, with a focus on Environmental Policy and Planning, from MIT.

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Ben Harvey was the President of EL Harvey and Sons Inc prior to the company's sale to Waste Connections. He is on the board of the EBC board of directors.

Ben is the Chairman of the Board of Trustee's of the National Waste and Recycling Association.

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Robert has been with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division for over twenty-eight years, the past twenty 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 (incoming and past 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.