

10:40 a.m. **Moderated Discussion**

Moderator: Valerie Moore, Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

Panel Members:

- Jim Byrne, Brownfields Coordinator, U.S. EPA
- Katy Deng, U.S. EPA
- David Foss, Wilcox & Barton, Inc.
- Frank Gardner, BSSM Section Chief, U.S. EPA
- Michele Paul, City of New Bedford

11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**

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David Foss is a Principal Hydrogeologist who leads the Brownfield Redevelopment practice at Wilcox & Barton, Inc., connecting a broad range of public and private development interests. Focusing on the remediation and redevelopment of hazardous waste and petroleum-contaminated sites, he finds great satisfaction in the revitalization of urban neighborhoods and the social benefits of economic renewal. He identifies and implements solutions for projects involving difficult regulatory and technical issues. David is an expert in Brownfield incentive programs and policy. He identifies and implements solutions for projects with challenging environmental histories amid overlapping regulatory programs for Wilcox & Barton, Inc. projects.

David is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including the Licensed Site Professional (Massachusetts), Rhode Island Society of Environmental Professionals, the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), and the Massachusetts Geologic Society. He is a Certified Professional Geologist and Licensed Site Professional.

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Valerie A. Moore is a partner in Nutter's Real Estate Department. Valerie works on variety of real estate matters, including land use, affordable housing, construction, and zoning. Within the Real Estate Department, Valerie has a particular focus on environmental permitting and compliance. She works with a wide range of clients, including commercial real estate developers, residential and commercial property owners, and government entities on environmental permitting and related litigation. Her recent projects include permitting affordable housing, laboratory buildings, and CGMP facilities.

SPEAKERS

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Jim Byrne has been working in the environmental field for over 30 years. His experiences include work in the following fields: laboratory, consulting, hazardous waste management for a Fortune 500 corporation and the USEPA. He has held certifications and licenses in wildlife biology, industrial wastewater treatment, asbestos inspection and management/planning and OSHA Health & Safety. For the past 21 years, Jim has worked for the USEPA Region I Brownfields Section as Brownfields Coordinator, Cleanup Lead and Project Officer overseeing assessment, cleanup and revolving loan fund grants in all six New England states.

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Katy Deng is a Brownfields Project Manager in the Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment Division at the Environmental Protection Agency for the Region 1 Boston Office. As a Project Manager, Katy manages contract-based technical assistance and cooperative agreements to states, tribes, local governments, and nonprofits to assist in the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of Brownfields sites throughout New England. Katy and the Brownfields Team conduct outreach, provide training, and participate in workshops and conferences to increase awareness of EPA's Brownfields Program. Katy is also a member of the Regional Environmental Justice Team, where she works on a range of administrative, program structure, and external engagement activities.

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Frank Gardner is the Chief of the Brownfields and Sustainable Materials Management Section for EPA Region 1 in the Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division. Frank and his staff of Brownfields Project Officers manage over \$100M in EPA Brownfields and other community-based grants and contract-based technical assistance programs throughout New England. Prior to joining the Brownfields program, his previous roles at EPA were an On-Scene Coordinator in the Superfund Emergency Response Program and a RCRA Corrective Action Project Manager at EPA Region 9. Prior to joining EPA, Frank worked in the private sector as an engineering consultant. Frank is a 1988 graduate of the Cornell University College of Engineering and lives in the Boston area. When not at work, he enjoys cycling, birding, coaching volleyball, and spending time with his family.

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Michele Paul is New Bedford's Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship. With a background in civil engineering, her passion is Brownfields redevelopment and the public policies that shape these resilience projects located largely in environmental justice communities. Under the leadership of New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, Michele's role is focused on community resilience, combining infrastructure, social, and economic development efforts in partnership with various community-led organizations. New Bedford is a designated Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) community, and its comprehensive Climate Action and Resilience plan: NB Resilient, is guiding capital investment and program direction through the lenses of equity and community character.

Michele is a member of the New England Municipal Sustainability Network where a growing number of resilience professionals share best practices and lessons learned in this emerging field. Michele represents New Bedford on the Mass Municipal Association's Policy Committee for Energy and the Environment, is a member of MassDevelopment's Brownfields Advisory Group, and serves on MassDEP's Waste Site Cleanup Advisory Committee representing municipal officials. Michele is a Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional and is the past President of the Licensed Site Professional Association.