

May 30, 2019

Secretary Kathleen A. Theoharides
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge St., Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Secretary Theoharides:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Secretary of the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. We wanted to introduce the LSPA and also inform you that our incoming President is someone with whom you have worked recently: Michele Paul, LSP, Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship for the City of New Bedford. She will take over the reins on July 1, 2019.

The LSP Association (LSPA) is the non-profit association for Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) and related practitioners. Our members are scientists, engineers, public health specialists, attorneys, laboratory chemists, and others who work on behalf of property owners, operators, and other involved parties in adherence with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan at 310 CMR 40.0000. Through education, information, and advocacy, we work to help our members achieve and maintain high standards of practice in overseeing the assessment and remediation of these contaminated sites.

The LSPA is proud to be a key participant in the 25 year history of this innovative privatized program. As part of the regulated community, the LSPA works closely with the MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup to share our real time field experiences, and discuss scientific and technical advances through participation in technical and scientific workgroups, commenting on draft documents, and formal and informal interactions. Currently we are preparing comments on the public comment draft of the 2019 Proposed MCP Revisions, and are paying particular attention to the PFAS-specific proposals as well as the inclusion of language referencing climate change considerations during remedial actions. The LSPA is also participating in the PFAS MCL Development Stakeholder Group as part of MassDEP's Drinking Water Program.

The LSPA attends each meeting of the LSP Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals (LSP Board) to track and monitor licensing, disciplinary, and continuing education activities. The LSPA has sent recommendations to the LSP Board in anticipation of a package of 309 CMR regulatory revisions. In addition, we regularly advocate for filling vacant seats to ensure a representative Board.

It is our hope that we can arrange an in-person meeting sometime this summer to discuss issues of mutual interest. We look forward to working with you and your team as we continue our practice at the intersection of environmental protection and economic development.

Best wishes and congratulations!

LSP Association, Inc.



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President



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cc: Commissioner Martin Suuberg, MassDEP