

History & Successes of the LSPA



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To The LSPA:

MassDEP heartily congratulates the Licensed Site Professional Association on the 20th anniversary of the Commonwealth's innovative system of hazardous waste site cleanup. Twenty years ago, we launched a nation-leading experiment -- could we clean up contaminated sites in a better, faster, and less costly way by harnessing the ingenuity of the private sector? We created a model where the government sets the overall standards to make sure that public health and the environment are protected, but delegates to the private sector the day to day decisions on how best to meet those standards, subject to proper oversight and enforcement. Since that time, together we have cleaned up nearly 32,000 sites, and replaced blighted and abandoned properties with jobs, housing, transit center, parks and community spaces. We have created a model program that is an example throughout the nation. And together, we continue to address the scientific, policy, and technological changes that require regulatory revision and legislative change.

The success of this program is due in large part to the commitment, caliber and quality of the Licensed Site Professionals, our great partners. The LSPA has made sure that there is open dialogue between LSPs and MassDEP, and has provided essential insights and advice "from the field" into regulatory changes and policy development. Your membership is committed to maintaining professional standards and conduct, and has invested countless hours in mentoring, professional development, and service on the LSP Board. This commitment to the practice has resulted in great success as sites in Massachusetts are cleaned up and returned to active reuse at a pace unparalleled in the country.

MassDEP and the LSPA have been successful partners, each representing its own mission and mandates but always keeping an eye on the common goals of public health, community revitalization, and economic growth.

Thank you for your service to the Commonwealth and your contributions to the environmental and economic well-being of this state.

Sincerely,

Ken Kimmell
Commissioner

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