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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Paul Locke, Acting Deputy Commissioner, MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup*

Paul directs the MassDEP site cleanup programs, including emergency response activities, marine oil spills, natural resource damage assessment & restoration and the Brownfields Program.

Paul started working as a risk assessor with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Research and Standards in 1987, where he participated in environmental policy development, review of site-specific reports, and provided technical assistance to DEP staff and the regulated community. In 1993 he helped develop the state's semi-privatized cleanup program – including the rules that determine “how clean is clean enough?” – that facilitates the redevelopment of Brownfields sites.

Since 2004, Paul has worked in the Waste Site Cleanup Program as Director of Policy Development, Director of Response & Remediation and as Assistant Commissioner. Recent initiatives include the development of a comprehensive soil management strategy, updating and streamlining the cleanup regulations, implementation of DEP's vapor intrusion initiatives and development of a strategy for the identification, assessment and cleanup of PFAS in Massachusetts.

A former chemist (Harvard College) and fairly civil engineer (Tufts University), Paul has also taught (West Africa), developed photos (Cambridge), cross-matched blood (Boston) and scooped ice cream (Brighams).

**At the time of this presentation, Paul Locke was Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup*

