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BWSC and MassDEP Program Updates and Year-in-Review

Presenter Biographies



Paul Locke has been with the MA Department of Environmental Protection since 1987 and is currently the Acting Deputy Commissioner for Operations, where he works with all the MassDEP Bureaus and Regions on the implementation of the Department's programs. Paul has also served as Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy & Planning, focusing on the development of MassDEP programs.

Previously Paul held a number of positions within the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, including serving as the Assistant Commissioner. The Bureau oversees the notification, assessment, cleanup, closure and restoration of sites contaminated with oil and hazardous materials. Prior to that, Mr.

Locke led the Risk Analysis Group within the MassDEP Office of Research and Standards.

Mr. Locke holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Harvard College and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the Tufts University program in Public Health.

Elizabeth Callahan has over 30 years of experience working in the Massachusetts Department of MassDEP's Waste Site Cleanup Program. In her current role as the Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC), Liz oversees MassDEP site cleanup programs under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan and those sites regulated in coordination with USEPA, including emergency response, Marine Oil Spill Prevention and Response and Natural Resource Damages programs. Liz previously served as BWSC's Division Director for Policy and Program Development and has held positions in MassDEP's Northeast Regional Office BWSC site management and audit units.

Liz has a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from Wellesley College and a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School.