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LSPA 2026 September Membership Meeting

MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

Annual Updates and Year-in-Review

Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 5:30-8:00 PM

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Millie Garcia-Serrano, MPH, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC), MassDEP

Millie Garcia-Serrano serves as the BWSC's Assistant Commissioner for MassDEP. In this role, she is responsible for the oversight of the waste site cleanup program under M.G.L. c.21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, working in coordination with the US EPA on Superfund, federal facilities, brownfields, and RCRA corrective action sites. In addition, Ms. Garcia-Serrano oversees the implementation of the emergency response, Natural Resources Damages, and the Massachusetts Marine Oil Spill, Prevention and Response Act programs. Prior to this role, she served as Regional Director of the MassDEP's Southeast Regional Office (SERO), Chair and subsequently Acting Executive Director of the Licensed Site Professional (LSP) Board, and Deputy Regional Director of the BWSC in SERO. She has 37 years of demonstrated public and private sector experience with focused expertise in environmental assessment and cleanup, risk characterization, federal sites cleanup, emerging contaminants, brownfields redevelopment, environmental justice, and natural resources damages. Ms. Garcia-Serrano is a member of the Massachusetts Licensed Site Professional Association (LSPA), the Association for Environmental Health & Sciences Foundation's (AEHS) Scientific Advisory Board tasked with providing advisory support to the Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water and Energy, and is a voting member of the AEHS Foundation's Charlena Seymour Diversity Scholarship Committee. A native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, she has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of South Alabama, College of Art & Sciences, and a Masters of Public Health from Boston University's School of Medicine.

Hank Webster, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Planning, MassDEP

Hank Webster is the Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning at MassDEP where is responsible for ensuring that all MassDEP policies and programs are coordinated, effective, and result in measurable environmental results. Mr. Webster is also tasked with implementing the MassDEP Commissioner's priorities (including improved protection of public health and the environment); new approaches (including permit streamlining and regulatory reform; management improvements and organizational changes); environmental/public health risk assessment and standards; and environmental monitoring. Mr. Webster establishes MassDEP priorities based upon sound science and information and evaluates the success of MassDEP's efforts based upon environmental and public health indicators and monitoring. He oversees the agency's four bureaus, which include Planning and Evaluation, Water Resources, Air & Waste, and Waste Site Cleanup.