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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Paul Locke. As of November 1, 2021, Paul has been serving as MassDEP's Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy & Planning. At the time of this presentation, Paul Locke was Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup. His bio from that time is below.

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, Assistant Commissioner and Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy & Planning. 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).