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**Beth Card** joined the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in November 2011 as the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Resource Protection (BRP). BRP is responsible for protecting critical water resources by controlling pollution, safeguarding public drinking waters supplies, ensuring public access to the waterfront, and administering revolving loan programs that help the state's towns and cities improve their environmental infrastructure. Among her priority projects, Ms. Card is coordinating the development of Sustainable Water Management Initiative regulations which are geared towards balancing competing human needs for water and the long-term health of Massachusetts rivers and streams.

Prior to joining MassDEP, Ms. Card was the Director of the Water Quality Division for the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), a Congressionally-authorized interstate commission that works with the New England States and New York State on coordinating Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act programs. Her work at NEIWPCC involved management of several watershed programs such as the Lake Champlain Basin Program. She also worked on many facets of the federal Clean Water Act including the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), Stormwater Management Programs, Monitoring and Assessment, and Water Quality Standards. As part of her role at NEIWPCC, Ms. Card often represented the states' interests by carefully researching and tracking legislative initiatives and preparing detailed position statements regarding proposed federal policies. In 2009, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England presented Ms. Card with a prestigious *Environmental Merit Award* for her work on the development of the Northeast Regional Mercury TMDL. The TMDL led to a Clean Water Act §319(g) petition for a mercury conference in order to address mercury impairments resulting from atmospheric deposition. More recently in 2011, she represented the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) and NEIWPCC when she provided testimony before the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, on approaches to developing nutrient criteria. Ms. Card has also served as the co-chair of ACWA's Legal Affairs Task Force since 2006.

Early on in her career, Ms. Card spent several years working for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in the wetlands and source water protection programs. She has a BA from the University of New Hampshire and a JD from the Massachusetts School of Law.