



The Challenges of Fracking Waste & Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast Series

Speaker Bios

- **Julie Cammarata** is an active and respected lobbyist in Connecticut with more than 20 years' experience working in and with state government. Julie understands how public policy is made, how it can be shaped and how to communicate effectively with key officials to make a difference. Julie has an in-depth understanding of the state budget; energy programs, funding and regulation; and environmental regulation in Connecticut as well as extensive policy development experience and contacts within state government. Julie has a reputation for making complex topics easy to understand.
- **Lou Burch** graduated from Stony Brook University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a minor in Political Science. After cutting his teeth as a labor organizer, he started work with Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) in January of 2007. In 2011, Louis took the reins as CCE's Connecticut Program Director, where he has played a critical role in several legislative victories in CT, including protecting children's health from undue exposure to pesticides, eliminating personal care products containing plastic microbeads, and establishing a moratorium on the storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous fracking waste in Connecticut. In 2017, Louis successfully led a diverse coalition of advocates and business leaders focused on defending Connecticut's container deposit law against industry efforts to eliminate that important recycling program. He maintains strong working relationships with both Majority and Minority members in the CT General Assembly, and is an active member of the LI Sound Advisory Committee for U.S. Senator Chris Murphy.
- **Michael Spilo**, is an elected member of the Greenwich, CT RTM, and Vice-Chair of the RTM's Public Works Committee. Outside of government, Mr. Spilo is a leading technologist and a successful serial entrepreneur. Mr. Spilo has 22 issued US Patents, and his companies have created best-selling products and licensed technology to Intel, Google, Microsoft, Logitech, and others. Mr. Spilo has an MBA from Wharton, and has published several articles and academic papers. Mr. Spilo now advises and invests in startups.

- **Jen Siskind** has been a Local Coordinator with Food & Water Watch since 2013. She works on a state and local level to ban fracking wastes in CT. Free presentations are available for elected and appointed leaders and community groups. She partners with other advocates, scientists and public health toxicologists to educate and prevent importing toxic, radioactive wastes into CT.

Her commitment stems from personal experiences near her family's home in Pennsylvania where air and water quality has diminished. Neighbor's well water, properties and waterways have become contaminated through drilling activity and spills occurring when storing, transferring and transporting wastes.

Food & Water Watch is a non-profit organization that advocates for healthy, safe food and access to safe, affordable drinking water. Based in Washington, DC, they have regional offices around the US, in Brussels and serving South America.

- **Steven Guveyan** is executive director of the Connecticut Petroleum Council, a division of the Washington D.C.-based American Petroleum Institute. API is a national trade association representing all facets of the oil & natural gas industry, which supports 10.3 million jobs and nearly 8% of the U.S. economy.

API's more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration & production, refining, marketing, pipeline and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation's energy, and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans. Details can be found at the API website, located at: www.api.org

Many API companies are heavily involved in hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," which has made the U.S. the world's largest natural gas producer, and the largest combined oil & gas producer. Today, up to 95% of new oil & gas wells are hydraulically fractured, accounting for two-thirds of total U.S. natural gas and about half of U.S. crude oil production.

Steve joined API's Boston office in 1990, and moved to API's Connecticut office in 1997. He is a registered lobbyist, covering a wide array of issues in both Hartford and Washington, D.C., where he works on legislation, regulations, policy issues, and grassroots organization. Prior to joining API he worked for an association of Massachusetts heating oil dealers.