

Speaker Biographies



JOHN SIPOS is an attorney for the NYS Public Service Commission. He was formerly an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York, serving as the State's lead counsel in connection with applications to renew the operating licenses for the Indian Point Unit 2 and Unit 3 facilities. In that role, Mr. Sipos represented the State in a petition seeking enforcement of fire safety regulations at the Indian Point facilities as well as other rulemaking proceedings, decommissioning funding matters, and litigation concerning regulatory exemptions and the design basis threat.



KEVIN KAMPS has served as a Beyond Nuclear's Radioactive Waste Specialist since 2007, previously served at Nuclear Information and Resource Service, on the board of Don't Waste Michigan and on the Great Lakes Nuclear-Free/Green Energy Task Force, watch-dogging Entergy's Big Rock Point and Palisades reactors, writing about decommissioning, and advocating for a just transition. His focus has been community organizing to prevent radioactive waste generation; block environmentally unjust, scientifically unsuitable, non-consent based waste sites, and their associated high-level radioactive waste transport risks. He promotes Hardened On-Site Storage, as close as possible to the point of origin, as a necessary interim measure. Kamps has also testified before Congress and highest levels of federal agencies charged with radioactive waste management, including the Department of Energy, the NRC, and the EPA.



MARIO J. MUSOLINO was appointed Executive Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor in March 2007. He supervises all executive staff and develops policies and procedures impacting millions of New Yorkers. Mr. Musolino oversees the day-to-day operations and is responsible for carrying out the Unemployment Insurance program, workforce development and training programs, and worker protection programs. During his tenure, the Department has seen strong economic growth marked by a historic level of private sector jobs and groundbreaking initiatives to help disadvantaged youth, veterans, the long-term unemployed and other populations facing barriers to employment. He previously served as Executive Director of the Troy Housing Authority and as Deputy Director of the NY State Job Training Partnership Council.



LINDA PUGLISI has been Supervisor of the Town of Cortlandt for 26 years. She is the longest serving Supervisor in the Town's history and is serving her thirteenth term. She also served for four years as a Town Council member (1988-1991). One of her most important achievements has been controlling town taxes and costs. She has been a leader in sharing services to reduce costs, as well. She has been and continues to be a strong advocate for protecting the Town's environment, helping to increase the town's open space by 107% (3,200 acres). Cortlandt is also a (charter) member of Sustainable Westchester, which works on energy conservation issues. Supervisor Puglisi has been working steadily to prepare for the closure of Indian Point, demanding a local voice in state planning.



ROSS GOULD is the Energy Sector Program Manager for WDI. Ross is a lawyer and has worked in private, public and not for profit sectors focusing on energy, environment and workforce. In his role as program manager he spends his time assessing the impacts energy policy, sector trends and emerging technologies have on the workforce and tracking areas of opportunity within the energy sector where new employment is likely and workforce development needs are anticipated. Ross travels throughout New York to obtain ground level intelligence about New York's energy workforce and the hiring demands of employers. Ross is the author and co-author of several articles and reports that assess the workforce impacts of environmental and energy policies.



DONNOVAN BECKFORD is Director of the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Investment Board. The board oversees One-Stop Career Centers in several local communities, providing resources and services to job-seekers and those interested in a career change. He is a director-at-large for the New York State Development Council. Mr. Beckford is also a board member of the Theodore Young Community Center in Greenburgh and the Early Care and Learning Council in Albany.



JOHN TWOMEY got his start in workforce development working with young people involved in the criminal justice system in the Bronx, New York City. The community based organization John worked for was named a model program by the Center for Delinquency Prevention at the University of Seattle, as well as the New York City Youth Bureau. Later John served as director of an adult employment center in the Bronx, which ranked number one in placing people into jobs. He also served as the director of NY State's workforce association, NYATEP, as President of the National Workforce Association, and as a member of the Leadership Council of the National Skills Coalition, the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council, and the National Association of Counties Board of Directors. Since January 2012, John is the principal of *John A. Twomey and Associates*, a workforce consulting organization.



TOM CAREY is president of the AFL-CIO's Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Council, which represents over 100,000 workers and their families in the two counties. He is a labor representative on the New York State Indian Point Closure Task Force. Mr. Carey is a veteran leader of the United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local 21, in the Hudson Valley.



DAMON MOGLEN is senior strategic advisor for Friends of the Earth, an environmental advocacy group. He coordinates the organization's work on nuclear power and provides advice on climate and energy issues. He led the organization's effort to close the San Onofre nuclear reactors in Southern California in 2013 and is now focused on how to replace power from the Indian Point and Diablo Canyon nuclear reactors with clean, safe, GHG free renewable energy. He came to Friends of the Earth in 2010 from Greenpeace USA, where he was the Global Warming Campaign Director.



AL HILL has been the mayor of Zion, Illinois, since 2015. The Zion Nuclear Power Station closed in 1998, devastating the town's economy to this day. About 1,000 tons of nuclear fuel rods are stored there in canisters along Illinois' lakefront shoreline. Before being elected mayor, Mayor Hill served on the Zion City Council and as Zion's Commissioner of Building, Public Property, and Zoning as well as the Director of Parks & Recreation. He also served for five years as Director of Parks, Recreation, Forestry, and Telecommunications in Stevens Point, WI beginning in 1981.



Chris Williams, of Hancock, Vermont, is a long time sustainable energy policy activist. He is currently Vermont Organizer for the Citizens Awareness Network (www.nukebusters.org). Willams has a long professional history working with public interest organizations. For 18 years he was the Executive Director for Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana (www.citact.org), a not for profit consumer and environmental advocacy organization. He also currently serves as board chair of the Nuclear Information and Research Service (www.nirs.org).



DAVID KRAFT has been director of the Nuclear Energy Information Service in Chicago since 1981. He co-founded the organization to provide the public with reliable information about nuclear power and radiation hazards. He has given presentations on these and other issues to countless community groups, government agencies, and classes, and has appeared extensively in the Chicago-area and national media. Mr. Kraft has also served on the Boards of the Environmental Fund of Illinois, and the Illinois Student Environmental Network; and now sits as a Board member of Earth Share Illinois and is on the Steering Committee for Climate Justice Chicago, which deals with the global warming issues.



MIKE DULONG joined Riverkeeper in May 2012. His work focuses on a range of watershed and community protection issues, such as advancing sustainable animal farming practices, investigating pollution violations, and promoting strict drinking water protections for nine million New York City and Hudson Valley residents while minimizing the impact of those measures on local ecosystems and municipalities. He also works to prevent the harmful impacts from irresponsible fossil fuel production and consumption, advocating instead for clean alternatives and energy efficiency.