



## The Environmental Business Council of New England Announces Environmental and Energy Industry Winners of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual EBEE Awards

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 5, 2015 - **Boston, MA** - The Environmental Business Council of New England (EBC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual EBEE Awards. The winners will be honored on June 18 at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and 22<sup>nd</sup> EBEE Awards Celebration, being held at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, Massachusetts. Former Massachusetts Governor William Weld will provide a keynote address for the program. Registrations are now being accepted on the EBC website: [www.ebcne.org](http://www.ebcne.org).

Each year, the EBC recognizes companies, organizations and individuals for outstanding environmental and energy accomplishments in the promotion of a sustainable, clean environment through the EBEE Awards Celebration. The EBEE Awards are presented each year at the EBC's Annual Awards Celebration. These awards were established by the EBC to encourage companies, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and environmental professionals to serve as models for others to emulate and, in doing so, further the mission and objectives of the EBC.

### **Announcing the Recipients of the 2015 EBC Ira W. Leighton, Jr. Outstanding Environmental-Energy Technology Application Achievement Award**

#### Award Recipients:

- Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative
- Town of Barnstable
- Town of Brewster
- Town of Chatham
- Town of Eastham
- Town of Harwich
- Town of Tisbury
- Weston & Sampson
- Renewable Energy Development Partners
- American Capital Energy

*In Recognition of the Innovative Design, Permitting and Installation of the Largest Solar Energy Development Project in New England on Closed Municipal Landfills in a Unique Collaboration with Six Cape Cod Communities.*

### **About the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative**

The Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC) is an electric cooperative comprised of 17 towns on the Cape and Martha's Vineyard plus Barnstable County, Duke's County, and the Cape Light Compact. CVEC was formed out of a strategic planning process commissioned and undertaken by the Cape Light Compact (CLC) in 2007. CVEC's objectives include developing and/or owning renewable electric generation facilities and procuring or selling long-term electric supply or other energy-related goods and services at competitive prices to member communities and consumers within member communities. For more information: Liz Argo, CVEC Special Projects Coordinator, (774) 722-1812

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## **About The EBC Ira W. Leighton, Jr. Outstanding Environmental-Energy Technology Application Achievement Award**

This award, established by resolution of the Board of Directors on January 15, 2014, recognizes the significant contribution made by Ira Leighton and will be awarded, annually, to an organization or individual (s) for developing or applying innovative technologies to solve problems or advance the state of the art in the environmental – energy sector. This award will go to “difference makers” because Ira was a difference maker.

Ira Leighton (1945 - 2013) was among the first employees hired at the EPA Boston office in 1972 when the agency was in its infancy. He then went on to meritoriously serve New England and the nation, at EPA, for the next 41 years. As a career civil servant and senior EPA leader, working out of the Region One office in Boston, he made positive impacts on the lives of countless New Englanders and citizens across the United States. His vision helped shape EPA’s reliance on sound science and legal integrity into effective policies to protect the health of all Americans from pollution in the air, water and land.

Ira started working for the U.S. EPA’s Boston office as an engineer, after working at the state and municipal levels. During the 1970’s and 80’s, he worked on solid waste management issues and then on contaminated site clean ups. He was pivotal in shaping EPA’s Superfund program in New England following the 1980 passage of the Superfund law.

In the 1990’s, Ira managed EPA Region One’s enforcement efforts. He fostered an integrated approach, providing assisting regulated entities in understanding environmental obligations and then followed with measured enforcement actions against those that did not comply. For the past 13 years he served as the Deputy Regional Administrator – the senior career official – in EPA’s Region One office, overseeing the Agency’s panoply of programs throughout New England.

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The Environmental Business Council of New England (EBC) was established in 1990 by environmental and energy company executives who began meeting on a regular basis to exchange ideas and share experiences. The EBC was the first organization in the United States established to support and foster the development of the environmental industry. The goal of the EBC is to enhance business and job growth of both established and emerging environmental and energy businesses. For more information, please contact Ann Gisinger at (617) 505-1818 or [ebc@ebcne.org](mailto:ebc@ebcne.org).