

EBC Innovative Technology Program Unmanned Aircraft Use in the Environmental and Energy Industry

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Now established as a critical military technology, unmanned aircraft have emerged as a useful technology for commercial applications. Rapid advancements in "drone" technology have made this tool easily accessible for commercial use, particularly in the environmental and energy sectors. Surprisingly, nearly everyone who provides commercial unmanned aircraft services is doing it illegally, and most of them don't know it. This EBC program will provide a review of the Federal Aviation Administration regulatory status and an introductory look at ways this technology can be implemented in the environmental and energy industry.

The possible applications for unmanned aircraft/"drones" are limitless. Some examples:

- Water resource mapping
- Environmental Incident response
- Erosion control monitoring
- Solid waste management
- Landfill monitoring
- Air quality monitoring
- Pipeline infrastructure monitoring
- Photogrammetry and 3D modeling
- Geologic resource evaluation, including cut/fill volume estimation
- Land use monitoring
- Thermography and building envelope evaluation
- Agrochemical fate and transport

DRAFT AGENDA

9:00 a.m.	Regulatory Status and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
8:45 a.m.	 Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Terms, Definitions, and Aircraft Categories Jason Wise, GIS Technical Lead, Terracon
8:15 a.m.	 UAS Applications in Energy and Environmental Sectors James Gaynor, GIS Manager, Terracon
8:10 a.m.	Introduction and Overview: James R. Gaynor, GIS Manager, Terracon
8:00 a.m.	Welcome: Daniel K. Moon, President & Executive Director, EBC
7:30 a.m.	Registration, Networking, and Continental Breakfast

- Jason Wise, GIS Technical Lead, Terracon
- Chris Poreda, FAA Regional Counsel, New England Region

9:30 a.m. Safety and Training

Know Before You Fly

Frank Serna, President, AUVSI New England

Massachusetts UAS Test Center at Joint Base Cape Cod

 Frank Serna, Northeast UAS Airspace Integration Research Alliance (NUAIR) Alliance

10:00 a.m. Networking Break

10:15 a.m. Innovative Commercial Unmanned Aerial Systems

Kristen Helsel, Vice President for Commercial Systems, CyPhyWorks

10:45 a.m. Legal Framework and Considerations

 Cameron Shilling, Director & Chair of the Privacy and Data Security Group, McLane Law Firm

11:00 a.m. Questions and Panel Discussion

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

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