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## U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY'S MARIA VARGAS TO KEYNOTE NEWIEE'S GALA

New England Women in Energy and the Environment's Ninth Annual Awards Gala

**BOSTON, MA** -- New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE), a powerful force of professional women aimed at elevating women in these sectors, will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala at the Westin Copley Place in Boston from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on April 24, 2019. This annual event brings together over 500 women and men to celebrate women's leadership and achievements across the energy and environmental fields.

**Maria Vargas**, Senior Program Adviser and Director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Initiative, will provide the Keynote Address for the 2019 Gala. Ms. Vargas has been involved in policy work on the issues of ozone depletion, global climate change, and related environmental and energy issues since 1985.

NEWIEE will also honor the following women at this year's Gala for their accomplishments as women leaders and change makers in energy and the environment:

### Leadership Awardees

- **Karen Coyne** - Former Vice President and Global Head of Environment at Novartis
- **Lisa Frantzis** - Senior Managing Director at Advanced Energy Economy and Managing Director at Navigant
- **June E. Tierney** - Commissioner at the Vermont Department of Public Service

### Rising Star Awardee

- **Emily Luksha** - Director of Rates and Revenue Requirements Division at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

### Special NEWIEE Board Recognition

- **Cheryl LaFleur** - Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

"NEWIEE is thrilled to celebrate six inspirational women leaders who span corporate, nonprofit, and government positions in the energy and environment sectors," says **Jacqueline Ashmore**, President of NEWIEE, and Executive Director of Boston's University's Institute for Sustainable Energy.

Tickets to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NEWIEE Awards Gala are on sale until April 18th. For more information, and to purchase tickets before they sell out, please visit [www.NEWIEE.org](http://www.NEWIEE.org).

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*Founded in 2008, NEWIEE provides a forum for sharing expertise and experiences of its members while fostering a dynamic environment for those passionate about energy and environmental issues in the New England area and beyond.*