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Bio:

Thomas Abdallah, P.E. LEED AP, Chief Environmental Engineer for MTA New York City Transit (NYCT). He holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rutgers University and he is both a Professional Engineer and a LEED® Accredited Professional. Thomas who has been with NYCT since 1987 is MTA NYCT's prime representative on sustainability issues and he is directly responsible for MTA New York City Transit - Capital Program Management (CPM) department's ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) certified since 1999.

As Chief Environmental Engineer since November 2004, Thomas provides expert environmental engineering services to MTA NYCT Capital Program Management Department (CPM) and ensures that all construction projects meet the environmental requirements of all Federal, State and Local regulations, in addition to the appropriate environmental permits, regulatory approvals and/or an Environmental Impact Statements/Assessments for pertinent projects as per environmental regulations such as National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), as well as environmental matters including Water & Soil Quality, Asbestos, Lead, PCB's, RCRA, and all Hazardous Material removal and disposal for CPM projects.

Thomas is an associate lecturer at Columbia University in the Sustainability Management graduate program. He has appeared in numerous television programs, including, Sundance Channel's "Big Ideas for a Small Planet," Discovery's Science Channel "City 2.0" and PBS "Going Green New York" film documentary. He appeared in a short film documentary "Postcards from the Future" which detailed Hurricane Sandy's impact on the MTA New York City Transit system with a focus on Climate Change. Thomas Abdallah was interviewed by Scientific American magazine for an article on Climate Change in June 2013.