KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN U.S. EPA REGION 2

Thursday, May 29, 2014
Columbia Law School

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This biennial conference examines key and emerging environmental issues in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 area, which includes New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

8:30 a.m. Registration
8:50 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
9 a.m. PANEL 1: Climate and Air Pollution
MODERATOR
Michael B. Gerrard, Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice and Director of the Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School
PANELISTS
Climate Change: Regulation and Adaptation
Joseph A. Siegel, U.S. EPA Region 2
Other Clean Air Act Issues
Liliana Villatora, U.S. EPA Region 2
Hurricane Response and Disaster Preparedness
Jane Kozinski, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. PANEL 2: Cross-Cutting Issues
MODERATOR
Michael Panfil, Environmental Defense Fund
PANELISTS
Region 2 Civil Enforcement Update
Eric H. Schaaf, U.S. EPA Region 2
Region 2 Criminal Enforcement Update
Laurie D. Dubriel, U.S. EPA Region 2
EPA Focus on Communities
Paul F. Simon, U.S. EPA Region 2

11:45 a.m. PANEL 3: Contaminated Site Cleanup and Redevelopment
MODERATOR
J. Kevin Healy, Bryan Cave LLP
PANELISTS
CERCLA/RCRA Update
Walter E. Mugdan, U.S. EPA Region 2
New York Brownfields Program
Edward F. McTiernan, New York Department of Environmental Conservation
New Jersey Licensed Site Remediation Professionals Program
Mark Pedersen, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

1 p.m. Lunch
1:45 p.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Judith A. Enck, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 2

2:15 p.m. THE COMMISSIONERS SPEAK
MODERATOR
Pamela R. Esterman, Sive, Paget & Riesel P.C.
PANELISTS
Marc Gerstman, Executive Deputy Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Bob Martin, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Emily Lloyd, Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection

3:30 p.m. Break
3:45 p.m.  **PANEL 4: Water Issues**

**MODERATOR**
**Laurie J. Sands**, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP

**PANELISTS**
- **Phyllis S.K. Feinmark, U.S. EPA Region 2**
  - Wetlands Jurisdiction and Hydraulic Fracturing Issues

- **Angela Licata**, New York City Department of Environmental Protection
  - Green Infrastructure and Sustainability

- **Michele N. Siekerka, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**
  - Water Regulation Overview

5 p.m.  **Adjournment**

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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:**  [www.law.columbia.edu/climatechange/2014EPARegion2](http://www.law.columbia.edu/climatechange/2014EPARegion2)

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Space is limited and pre-registration is strongly recommended. Online registration will close for all transactions, including cancellations with refund, at **5 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2014**. On-site registration will be available at the conference, space permitting.

**CONFERENCE LOCATION:** Columbia Law School, 435 West 116th Street, New York, New York (corner of Amsterdam Avenue). Nearest subway: #1 train at 116th Street

**REGISTRATION FEES** (see website for full details): Private Practice Lawyers/Consultants: $125; Public Interest: Government/Nonprofit/Academia: $30; Current Student: $30; Hardship: $20

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Lynn Beller (lynn.beller@law.columbia.edu) for CLE inquiries and Terry Liu (tliu@law.columbia.edu) for all other matters.

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