KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN U.S. EPA REGION 2

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Columbia Law School

Conference Sponsors: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2; ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources; New York State Bar Association, Environmental Law Section; New Jersey State Bar Association, Environmental Law Section; New York City Bar Association, Committee on Environmental Law; Columbia Law School, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law

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; Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

PANELISTS
Climate Change: Regulation and Adaptation
Joseph Siegel, U.S. EPA Region 2

Other Clean Air Act issues
Liliana Villatora, U.S. EPA Region 2

OneNYC Plan
Nilda Mesa, New York City Mayor’s Office of Sustainability

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. PANEL 2: Cross-Cutting Issues

MODERATOR
Eric H. Schaaf, U.S. EPA Region 2

PANELISTS
Region 2 Civil Enforcement Update
Paul Simon, U.S. EPA Region 2

Region 2 Criminal Enforcement Update
Patricia Hick, U.S. EPA Region 2

Environmental Justice, Citizen Science
Carol Ann Siciliano, U.S. EPA Region 2

11:45 a.m. PANEL 3: Contaminated Site Cleanup and Redevelopment

MODERATOR
Seth Davis, Elias Group LLP

PANELISTS
CERCLA/RCRA Update
Walter Mugdan, U.S. EPA Region 2

Regulation of Oil Trains
Edward McTiernan, Arnold & Porter LLP

Emerging Issues in New Jersey
Kenneth Kloo, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

1 p.m. Lunch

1:45 p.m. Keynote Address
Judith Enck, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 2

2:15 p.m. The Commissioners Speak

PANELISTS
Basil Seggos, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (invited)

Raymond Cantor, Chief Adviser to the Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Emily Lloyd, Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (invited)

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

**MODERATOR**

David Brooks, Consolidated Edison Co.

**PANELISTS**

Wetlands Jurisdiction
Phyllis Feinmark, U.S. EPA Region 2

Coastal Resilience
Elizabeth Semple, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Water Regulation
James Tierney, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

5 p.m.  **Adjournment**

**Registration Information**

REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:  www.law.columbia.edu/climatechange/2016EPARregion2

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 Friday, May 27, 2016. On-site registration will be available at the conference, space permitting.

CONFERENCE LOCATION:  Columbia Law School, Jerome Greene Hall, Room 104, 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: $150; Public Interest: Government/Nonprofit/Academia: $30;  Current Student: $30;  Hardship Scholarship: $20

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