



## KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN U.S. EPA REGION 2

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

**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, 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 and Director of the Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School*

**PANELISTS**

**Paul Simon**, *Regional Climate Change Program Advisor, EPA Region 2*

**Colleen McCarthy**, *Air Bureau, Office of General Counsel, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*

**William O'Sullivan**, *Division of Air Quality, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **PANEL 2: Natural Gas Extraction**

**MODERATOR**

**Gail Howie Conenello**, *K&L Gates LLP*

**PANELISTS**

**Phyllis Feinmark**, *Acting Deputy Regional Counsel, EPA Region 2*

**Jennifer Maglienti**, *Associate Attorney, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*

**Michele Siekerka**, *Assistant Commissioner for Water Resources, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

11:30 a.m. **THE COMMISSIONERS SPEAK**

**Joseph Martens**, *Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*

**Bob Martin**, *Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

**Pedro Nieves**, *Chair, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board*

**Alicia V. Barnes**, *Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources*

**Carter Strickland Jr.**, *Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection*

1 p.m. **Lunch**

1:45 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Judith Enck**, *Regional Administrator, EPA Region 2 (via video from Albany)*

2:15 p.m. **PANEL 3: Contaminated Site Cleanup and Redevelopment**

**MODERATOR**

**Lawrence Schnapf**, Schnapf LLC

**PANELISTS**

**Marla Wieder**, *Office of Regional Counsel, EPA Region 2*

**Robert Schick**, *Acting Director, Division of Environmental Remediation, New York Department of Environmental Conservation*

**David Sweeney**, *Assistant Commissioner of Site Remediation, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*

3:30 p.m. **Break**

3:45 p.m. **PANEL 4: Cross-cutting Issues**

**MODERATOR**

**Edward Scarvalone**, Doar Rieck Kaley & Mack

**PANELISTS**

Region 2 Civil Enforcement Update

**Eric Schaaf**, *Regional Counsel, EPA Region 2*

Region 2 Criminal Enforcement Update

**Laurie Dubriel**, *Associate Regional Counsel for Criminal Enforcement, EPA Region 2*

Environmental Justice and Urban Environmental Issues

**Lisa F. Garcia**, *EPA Associate Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice*

5 p.m. **Adjournment**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

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

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Space is limited and pre-registration is strongly recommended. Deadline for pre-registrations and cancellations with refund is **May 21, 2012**. On-site registration will be available, 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: \$140;  
Government/Nonprofit/Academia/Students: \$40; Hardship: \$20

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