

# Key Environmental Issues in U.S. EPA Region 2

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## 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, June 1, 2018. On-site registration will be available at the conference, space permitting.

## TRANSPORTATION

#1 train to 116th Street

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

CLE INQUIRIES:

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## REGISTRATION FEES

Private Practice Lawyers/Consultants: \$150

Public Interest – Government/Nonprofit/

Academia: \$30

Current Student: \$30

Hardship Scholarship: \$20

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## FINANCIAL AID POLICY

Persons seeking a hardship scholarship should submit a scholarship request, no later than Tuesday, May 29, 2018, to: Kemi Adetayo, [aadetayo@law.columbia.edu](mailto:aadetayo@law.columbia.edu)

Requests, which will be answered, should detail in a few sentences the basis of the applicant's need and the background to his or her interest. Please understand that without a complete scholarship request, the applicant may be notified that the scholarship registration has been cancelled.

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Attorneys attending only part of the program may be eligible for partial credit. Attendance is determined by an attorney's sign-in and sign-out, as shown in the conference registers. On sign-out, attorneys should also submit their completed evaluation form, provided at the conference.

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8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
8:50 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	1:45 p.m.	<b>Keynote Address</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Panel 1: Climate and Air Pollution</b> MODERATOR AND CLIMATE ISSUES Michael B. Gerrard, Professor and Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School  NEW YORK ACTIONS Jared Snyder, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  NEW JERSEY ACTIONS Paul Baldauf, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	INTRODUCTION Eric Schaaf, U.S. EPA Region 2  SPEAKER Pete Lopez, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 2	
10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	2:15 p.m.	<b>The Commissioners Speak</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Panel 2: Cross-cutting Issues</b> MODERATOR Eric Schaaf, U.S. EPA Region 2  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 Carol Ann Siciliano, U.S. EPA Office of General Counsel  INFRASTRUCTURE Allison Hoppe, U.S. EPA Office of General Counsel	MODERATOR Marla Wieder, U.S. EPA Region 2  COMMISSIONERS Basil Seggos, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  Catherine R. McCabe, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  Tania Vazquez Rivera, President, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board, and Director, Department of Natural Resources  Dawn Henry, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources  Vincent Sapienza, Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection	
11:45 a.m.	<b>Panel 3: Contaminated Site Cleanup and Redevelopment</b> MODERATOR William Sullivan, Scarinci Hollenbeck  CERCLA/RCRA UPDATE Walter Mugdan, U.S. EPA Region 2  SITE REMEDIATION [speaker] New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  HURRICANE RECOVERY IN PUERTO RICO Hector Velez, EPA Region 2, Caribbean Disaster Recovery Coordinator	3:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
		3:45 p.m.	<b>Panel 4: Water Issues</b>
			MODERATOR Tirza Wahrman Law Office of Tirza S. Wahrman, LLC  WETLANDS JURISDICTION Phyllis Feinmark, U.S. EPA Region 2  COASTAL RESILIENCE Ginger Kopkash, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  OFFSHORE WIND Nathanael Greene, Natural Resources Defense Council
		5:00 p.m.	<b>Adjournment</b>