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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.
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8:30 a.m.  Registration
8:50 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 a.m. Panel 1: Climate and Air Pollution
         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
10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m Panel 2: Cross-cutting Issues
         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
11:45 a.m. Panel 3: Contaminated Site Cleanup
         and Redevelopment
         MODERATOR
         William Sullivan, Scarinci Hollenbeck
         CERCLA/RCRA UPDATE
         Walter Mugdan, U.S. EPA Region 2
         SITE REMEDIATION
         Mark J. Pedersen, New Jersey Department of
         Environmental Protection
         HURRICANE RECOVERY IN PUERTO RICO
         Hector Velez, EPA Region 2, Caribbean
         Disaster Recovery Coordinator
1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:45 p.m. Keynote Address
         INTRODUCTION
         Eric Schaaf, U.S. EPA Region 2
         SPEAKER
         Pete Lopez, Regional Administrator,
         U.S. EPA Region 2
2:15 p.m. The Commissioners Speak
         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
3:30 p.m. Break
3:45 p.m. Panel 4: Water Issues
         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. Adjournment