



2021 Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law Section Program

Thursday, May 13, 2021
Live Webcast

North Carolina: 3.50 MCLE Hours

Planned by the NCBA Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law Section

This program focuses on changes in environmental regulations and evolving trends under a new federal administration and Department of Environmental Quality Secretary. Presenters from private and public law and governmental agencies provide key updates and engaging discussion on relevant topics affecting environmental, energy and natural resources law.

Highlights include a keynote address by North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality general counsel Bill Lane, updates on federal and state environmental policy and case law, and environmental justice for new facilities and permit modifications. Attendees also explore project impacts for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rule changes, revisions to the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules and methane assessment, and mitigation and considerations under the NC Brownfields Program.

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8:25 AM–12:40 PM

8:25 Welcome and Introductions

8:30 Keynote Address by NCDEQ General Counsel Lane

This presentation provides an update on agency issues and an introduction to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's new secretary, Dionne Delli-Gatti. Participants also have an opportunity for questions and discussion.

8:50 Break

9:00 Environmental Justice

Moderator: Rhonehouse

Panelists: Kramer, Sullivan and Taylor

Listen as presenters give an overview of the community mapping system and the department's approach to environmental justice during permitting and new facility siting and construction, followed by a panel discussion.

10:00 Break

10:10 State Environmental Update

Hicks

Receive an update on state legislative issues and policies of note.

10:50 Break

**11:00 Federal Environmental Update
Monk and Paterson**

Review the 2021 federal environmental law and explore what's to come in the future.

11:40 Break

11:50 Hot Topics

Hunter, Stukes and Tyburski

This session discusses the perspective on today's hot topics, including the latest developments with the National Environmental Policy Act and WOTUS Rule, and a new focus on methane assessment and mitigation under the NC Brownfields Program.

12:40 Adjourn

Speakers

- Joy Hicks, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Raleigh
- Kimberley C. “Kym” Hunter, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill
- Renee Kramer, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Raleigh
- William F. “Bill” Lane, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Raleigh
- Kelsey V. Monk, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Raleigh
- Fern A. Paterson, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Charlotte
- Mary Katherine H. Stukes, Moore & Van Allen PLLC, Charlotte
- Sean M. Sullivan, Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson PA, Raleigh
- Chandra T. Taylor, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill
- Jeffrey B. “Jeff” Tyburski, Geosyntec Consultants of North Carolina PC, Raleigh

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- Kaitlyn S. Rhonehouse, Geosyntec Consultants of North Carolina PC, Wilmington
- Lisa K. Rushton, Womble Bond Dickinson (U.S.) LLP, Raleigh
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