



# Emerging Problems and Solutions in Environmental Enforcement

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**Friday, Dec. 15 • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**State Bar Center, Albuquerque**

\$99 Non-members not seeking CLE credit

\$225 Early-bird registration fee (live attendance only; registration must be received by Nov. 15)

\$265 Co-sponsoring section members, government and legal services attorneys and Paralegal Division members

\$295 Standard

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*Registration and payment for the program must be received prior to the program date. A \$20 late fee will be incurred when registering the day of the program. This fee applies to live registrations only and does not apply to live webcasts.*

**Co-sponsor:** Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section

This course will include an overview of recent statutory and regulatory changes in the area of environmental law, and the implications of such changes for state and federal enforcement. It will also discuss options available to agencies for enforcement of the law, including administrative actions, civil litigation and criminal prosecution. In addition to examining two local natural resources disasters, there will be a panel discussion on the role of citizen suits as an enforcement mechanism in the face of changing government enforcement priorities under the current administration. This year's annual Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section CLE will close with an ethics panel exploring the attorney role in enforcement.

8:45 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of Program**

9:15 a.m. **The Current State of Air Quality Law**  
*Lara Katz, New Mexico Environment Department*

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. **Options for Enforcement: Civil, Criminal, Settlements**  
*Jennifer Hower, New Mexico Environment Department; Stuart Butzier, Modrall Sperling Roehl Harris & Sisk PA; Cheryl Seager, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6; and Trais Kliphuis, New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee*

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided at the State Bar Center)  
*NREEL Lawyer of the Year Award Presentation*

12:45 p.m. **The Role of Citizen Suits in Enforcement of Environmental Law**  
*Nat Chakeres, Coberly & Martinez LLLP*

1:15 p.m. **Update on EPA's Federal Enforcement and Compliance Activity in the Oil & Gas Sector: Enforcement Priorities and Opportunities to Partner with State and Industry to Resolve Compliance Issues**  
*Apple Chapman, Deputy Director, EPA's Air Enforcement Division; Jim Kenney, EPA Senior Policy Advisor for Unconventional Oil and Gas*

2:15 p.m. **Natural Resources Disasters I: Carlsbad Brine Well Cavity**  
*Matthias Sayer, New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department*

2:45 p.m. Break

3 p.m. **Natural Resources Disasters II: Gold King Mine Spill**  
*Annie Maxfield, New Mexico Environment Department; Cholla Khoury, Office of the Attorney General; and Rodgerick T. Begay, Navajo Nation Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General*

4 p.m. **Legal Ethics & Professionalism Panel: the Attorney Role in Environmental Enforcement (1.0 EP)**  
*Tanya L. Scott, Law & Resource Planning Associates PC; and Tracy M. Hughes, T Hughes Law*

5 p.m. Adjournment  
*NREEL Happy Half-Hour*