

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

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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 Tuesday, May 16, 2023. On-site registration will be available at the conference, space permitting.

### TRANSPORTATION

#1 train to 116th Street

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## REGISTRATION FEES

Private Practice Lawyers/Consultants: \$200

Government/Nonprofit/ Academia: \$40 (Discount code:010)

Current Student: \$30 (Discount code:020)

Hardship Scholarship: \$20

## FINANCIAL AID POLICY

Persons seeking a hardship scholarship should submit a scholarship request, no later than Friday, May 12, 2023, to: Kemi Adetayo, [aadetayo@law.columbia.edu](mailto:aadetayo@law.columbia.edu)

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<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>
<b>8:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Michael B. Gerrard, Professor and Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School	<b>1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b> Moderator: Margaret Barry, Arnold & Porter Lisa Garcia, Regional Administrator EPA Region 2
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Panel 1: Climate and Air Pollution</b> Moderator: Michael B. Gerrard Joseph Siegel, EPA Region 2–Climate change Liliana Villatora, EPA Region 2– Conventional air pollutants Jonathan Binder, New York DEC Paul Baldauf, New Jersey DEP	<b>2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>The Commissioners Speak</b> Moderator: Michael B. Gerrard Basil Seggos, New York State DEC Shawn LaTourette, New Jersey DEP Rohit Aggarwala, New York City DEP Anais Rodriguez Vega, Puerto Rico DNER
<b>10:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Panel 2: Cross-cutting Issues</b> Moderator: John Gullace, Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox Paul Simon, EPA Region 2--EPA civil enforcement Patricia Hick, EPA Region 2--EPA criminal enforcement Kandyce Perry, Director of Environmental Justice for NJ DEP Adriana Espinoza, Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice, New York DEC	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>3:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Panel 4: Water Issues</b> Moderator: Martin Baker Phyllis Feinmark, EPA Region 2–Waters of the United States rule; PFAS Nicholas J. Angarone, New Jersey Chief Climate Resilience Officer, New Jersey DEP Col. Matthew W. Luzzatto, Commander and District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NY & NJ Harbor & Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study
<b>11:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Panel 3: Contaminated Site Cleanup and Redevelopment</b> Moderator: Monica Schroeck, Greenbraum Rowe Smith & Davis Sarah Flanagan, EPA Region 2–CERCLA/ RCRA update Patrick Foster, New York DEC Sean Moriarty, New Jersey DEP	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>