



Environmental Law

Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP's environmental practice group developed from its government contracts and construction law practices, and has expanded to provide quality legal services to a multitude of construction companies, property owners, and industrial and manufacturing concerns faced with a diverse array of environmental problems and liabilities. Environmental services range from assistance during the pre-acquisition phase of property transactions, to the prosecution or defense of environmental indemnification or cost recovery actions, to structuring effective responses to Superfund and other environmental enforcement actions.

The environmental practice group regularly provides advice and assistance on environmental matters to public and private owners, manufacturers, transporters, and many other consulting, construction, and industrial concerns. Many environmental clients are actively involved in the environmental construction and environmental consulting fields and working on Superfund clean-ups, asbestos abatement projects and numerous other remediation projects. Advice and consultation are available to help all environmental clients stay abreast of, and in compliance with, the seemingly never ending maze of environmental regulations, programs, permits and other controls affecting clients' day-to-day operations and their ability to make a profit.

Legal representation can be provided to assist with a wide spectrum of problems, including:

- Air pollution control and permitting
- CERCLA contribution actions
- CERCLA liability
- Environmental insurance and indemnification matters
- Environmental risk allocation clauses
- Hazardous waste clean-up contracts
- Preliminary site assessments
- Superfund remediation contractor representation
- Spill prevention and reporting requirements
- Hazardous waste transportation and disposal
- Worker training exposure and safety issues
- Asbestos abatement
- Environmental consulting agreements including professional liability issues
- Remediation contract problems, such as unexpected conditions or delays
- Environmental permits
- Indoor air quality
- Superfund PRP representation
- Solid (non-hazardous) waste permitting and disposal
- Underground storage tanks

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- Water pollution control and permitting, including storm water control

In order to stay informed of changes in this rapidly evolving field of law, the firm's attorneys are continually updating their knowledge of applicable environmental statutes, regulations and case law. The attorneys in the environmental practice group are regularly called upon to lecture, speak and teach on a wide range of environmental topics. The experienced, knowledgeable professionals in Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP's environmental practice group have the background, experience, and ability to provide the firm's clients with sound, practical advice on the many environmental statutes, regulations and problems currently facing them.

Articles

- Waiver of Right to Arbitrate
- Building Green with Confidence
- The Gaps That Bite: Missing Terms in Contracts Can Come Back to Haunt You
- Advantages of the ConsensusDOCS Construction Contracts Over the AIA Document A201-2007 Ed. General Conditions
- Contract Termination May Impact Dispute Resolution Opportunities
- Cutting the Knot on Concurrent Delay
- A Comparative Look at a Contractors Right to Recover Direct Costs Versus Unabsorbed Home Office Overhead in the Event of Frustrated Early Completion
- Unique Considerations for Lump Sum EPC Projects