



Public Workshop Agenda

Innovative Ideas for Securing Compliance with Environmental Laws: A North American Perspective

Washington, DC
19 January 2006

8h15 to 9h00 Registration – coffee

9h00 to 9h15 Welcome and introduction

A JPAC representative (invited) will set the stage for the day's discussion.

**9h15 to 9h45 An overview of innovative approaches to environmental
compliance**

A representative from the CEC will discuss the roles of governments, nongovernmental organizations, businesses and individuals in helping to ensure compliance with environmental laws, and provide an overview of different approaches to securing compliance in North America.

9h45 to 10h45 A government overview of North American trends

This panel will discuss the evolution of environmental enforcement and compliance programs in North America over the past decade and highlight particularly successful and innovative efforts.

Moderator – CEC representative

Panelists

- Canadian Panelist – David Aggett, Regional Manager of Environmental Protection Enforcement, Atlantic Region, Environment Canada **(confirmed)**

- Mexican Panelist – (tba)
- US Panelist – Walker Smith, Director, Office of Regulatory Enforcement, US Environmental Protection Agency (**invited**)

10h45 to 11:00 Health break

11h00 to 12h15 Advancing compliance: A nongovernmental view

This panel will discuss how private citizens can influence environmental compliance through the use of environmental data, citizen suits and other legal instruments. Panelists will also discuss issues of accountability, fairness and transparency.

Moderator: John Pendergrass, Environmental Law Institute, Washington, DC (**confirmed**)

Panelists:

- An ENGO environmental lawyer in Mexico
- Bruce Nilles, Sierra Club, Madison, Wisconsin (**confirmed**)
- Paul Muldoon, Canadian Environmental Law Association. (**confirmed**)
- David L. Markell (**confirmed**), Steven M. Goldstein Professor of Law, Florida State University College of Law

12h15 to 12h30 Health break

12h30 to 1h15 Lunch (provided)

Professor Halley is the author of numerous books and articles on environmental law in Quebec and Canada.

“The Contractualization of Environmental Regulation: New Governance and Compliance With Environmental Law”

1h15 to 1h30 Health break

1h30 to 3h00 What is working and what is not?

This panel will provide individual perspectives on the efficacy of the innovative programs discussed in the morning and what general lessons can be learned from the experiences of Canada, Mexico and the United States over the past decade.

Moderator: Bruce Gelber, Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, United States Department of Justice **(invited)**

Panelists:

- Dianne Saxe, Dianne Saxe Professional Corporation, Barristers and Solicitors, Toronto, ON **(confirmed)**
- Joel Gross, Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP, Washington, DC **(confirmed)**
- Hector Herrera, Herrera Ordoñez Abogados S.C., Mexico City **(confirmed)**

3h00 to 3h15 Health break

3h15 to 4h15 It's your turn: What gaps need to be addressed?

A moderator will facilitate an open discussion. This will give members of the audience an opportunity to comment on enforcement issues.

4h15 to 4h30 Closing remarks

A CEC staff member or JPAC rapporteur will summarize the workshop highlights.