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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

8:50 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Michael B. Gerrard, Professor and
Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change
Law, Columbia Law School

**9 a.m. Panel One: Climate and
Air Pollution**
MODERATOR
Michael B. Gerrard

Joseph Siegel, EPA Region 2
Liliana Villatora, EPA Region 2
Jared Snyder, New York Department
of Environmental Conservation
Paul Baldauf, New Jersey Department
of Environmental Protection

10:15 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. Panel Two: Cross-Cutting Issues
MODERATOR
Eric Schaaf, EPA Region 2

CIVIL ENFORCEMENT
Paul Simon, EPA Region 2

CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT
Patricia Hick, EPA Region 2

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Charles Lee, EPA Headquarters

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Olivia Glenn, New Jersey Department
of Environmental Protection

11:40 a.m. Break

11:50 a.m. Keynote Address
MODERATOR
Margaret Barry, Arnold & Porter
Kaye Scholer

Walter Mugdan, Acting Regional
Administrator, EPA Region 2

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

**9 a.m. Panel Three: Contaminated Site
Cleanup and Redevelopment**
MODERATOR
James P. Rigano, Rigano LLC

CERCLA/RCRA UPDATE
Thomas Lieber, EPA Region 2

Andrew O. Guglielmi, New York
Department of Environmental
Conservation

Mark Pederson, New Jersey Department
of Environmental Protection

10:15 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. Panel Four: Water Issues
MODERATOR
Tirza S. Wahrman, Law Office
of Tirza S. Wahrman, LLC

Phyllis Feinmark, EPA Region 2

COASTAL RESILIENCE,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
Vincent Mazzei, New Jersey Department
of Environmental Protection

OFFSHORE WIND
Amanda Lefton, U.S. Bureau
of Ocean Energy Management

11:40 a.m. Break

11:50 a.m. The Commissioners Speak
MODERATOR
Michael B. Gerrard

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New York Environmental Commissioner
Basil Seggos

New Jersey Acting Environmental
Commissioner Shawn LaTourette

New York City Environmental
Commissioner Vincent Sapienza

Puerto Rico Department of Natural
and Environmental Resources Secretary
Rafael Machargo (invited)

Virgin Islands Department of Planning
and Natural Resources Commissioner
Jean-Pierre Oriol (invited)

1:10 p.m. Closing Remarks
Eric Schaaf, Regional Counsel, EPA Region 2