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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

10:15 a.m. Break

10:25 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

11:40 a.m. Break

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