Environmental Health and Safety and the Law:  
Understanding the legal framework for regulators

Monday, April 22, 2013  
Vancouver, B.C.

A G E N D A

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.   Introduction

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.  An overview of private law concepts

- An overview of tort law
- The common law test for negligence
- Negligence claims against public officials
- The limits of immunity clauses

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 - 12:00 p.m. An overview of constitutional law

- An introduction to constitutional law and the rule of law
- The Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Charter rights in the context of regulatory decisions
- Enforcement of the Constitution

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. An overview of administrative law

- An introduction to administrative law
- Grants of statutory authority
- The process of statutory interpretation
- The common law of procedural fairness
  - Participatory rights - notice and disclosure
  - Impartiality in decision-making
  - Nature of hearing process
  - Reasons for decision
- Appeals, statutory reviews and statutory reconsideration
- Judicial Review and Standard of Review
- Grounds on which decision can be challenged
- Nature of relief

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Case studies in workshops

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Concluding remarks