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Institutional Controls, a Case Study

Part two in our series on Institutional Controls

WEBINAR (free)

Wednesday June 24, 2020

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About this Event

"Institutional Controls" are administrative tools that are sometimes useful in protecting the environment and people's health at hazardous waste clean-up sites. Some "ICs" are legal tools like restrictive covenants, while others are educational like fishing advisories. Recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its Institutional Control Plan for the Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site. Presenters Cliff Villa, Piper Peterson, and James Rasmussen will discuss details of the plan and lessons it offers for communities developing strategies to protect the health of fishers at contaminated sites throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Webinar Presenters:

Clifford J. Villa, Keleher & McLeod Professor of Law

University of New Mexico School of Law

Cliff Villa of the University of New Mexico School of Law teaches and writes in the fields of constitutional rights, environmental law, and environmental justice. Prior to joining the UNM law faculty in 2015, Cliff served for 22 years as legal counsel for the U.S. EPA, first with EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and later with EPA Regional offices in Denver and Seattle. As an EPA

attorney, Cliff's practice focused on cleanup of contaminated sites and enforcement of federal laws such as the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act. Cliff also served for eight years as on-call legal counsel for the EPA Region 10 Emergency Response Team. Cliff is a co-author of two published textbooks: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: LAW, POLICY, AND REGULATION (3rd ed. 2020) and A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (2017). Born and raised in Albuquerque, Cliff graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Mexico and received his J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.



Piper Peterson, Remedial Project Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

Piper Peterson has been a Superfund Project Manager at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Seattle WA since 1990, and currently serves as the Remedial Project Manager for the Lower Duwamish Waterway's Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan. In addition to managing cleanup projects at upland and sediment sites, many of her projects have included a community involvement aspect, including working with the South Park community for the T-117 sediment/upland Removal Action on the Lower Duwamish Waterway. She believes the success of Superfund cleanups are rooted in improving the environment, communities, and allowing for economic and recreational opportunities at these sites. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma) in 1985, was a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching rural village health in Central African Republic (1987-1989) and a National Marine Fisheries Service Fishing Observer on the Kodiak Enterprise in Alaska (January-April 1990).

James Rasmussen, Superfund Manager
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/TAG

James Rasmussen is a founding member of DRCC/TAG, having represented the Duwamish Tribe on the organization's Advisory Council for ten years before joining the staff as Executive Director in 2011. He served as a member of the Duwamish Tribal Council for 26



years, and as the founding Director of the Duwamish Tribe's Longhouse and Cultural Center. Rasmussen has been an active voice in environmental, habitat, and community issues along the Duwamish River and in the Seattle region for over 30 years, and represents DRCC/TAG on EPA's Duwamish Superfund Roundtable, which will inform the next phase of the Cleanup Plan.

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