

Clean Water Act

Our attorneys are called upon to handle our clients' most challenging issues arising under the Clean Water Act (CWA). We help them manage complex permitting projects and approvals (NPDES, 404-wetlands, and Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), storm water, pretreatment, WQBELs, and coastal zone management (CZMA), plan for minimizing oil and hazardous substance release liability (SPCC) and drinking water liability (SDWA), and engage in advocacy before EPA and state agencies on the development or revision of (CWA) regulations.

When litigation becomes necessary, our clients engage us to defend enforcement actions and citizen suits, respond to EPA information requests, challenge federal regulations, and contest EPA enforcement orders.

Representative experience

We represented the State of Florida in actions brought by the United States and others concerning discharges of phosphorus into the Florida Everglades.

We represented the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in drafting legal comments on EPA's proposed definition of "waters of the United States."

We represented an operator of public wastewater treatment systems charged with civil and criminal CWA violations in connection with a facility in Gary, Indiana.

We successfully challenged EPA's authority to regulate storm water runoff from a large poultry growing operation in West Virginia.

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