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## PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present*

### INVESTIGATING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

**March 11, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

*(Registration: 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)*

**N.J. Forensic Science & Technology Center**

**1200 Negron Drive**

**Hamilton, New Jersey**

### NOTICE REGARDING COURSE MATERIALS

You will receive the course materials on the day of the program.

#### *Program Summary*

This training will provide prosecutors and law enforcement officials with an overview of environmental crime investigations, including a review of pertinent statutes, guidance on how to approach these investigations and insight into the many State agencies that are involved in this process. Representatives of the Division of Law and the Departments of Community Affairs, Environmental Protection, Health, and Labor and Workforce Development will discuss the roles of their respective agencies and their potential involvement in investigating and prosecuting environmental crimes. A representative of the Division of Criminal Justice will discuss DCJ's role in incident scene response, investigations, crime scene safety, OSHA/PEOSH, the requirements to enter an environmental crime scene, and the task force concept of bringing all agencies together.

#### *Who Should Attend?*

This program is only open to attorneys and investigators from the Division of Criminal Justice, the Division of Law, County Prosecutors' Offices and the New Jersey Departments of Community Affairs, Environmental Protection, Health and Labor and Workforce Development.

#### *Who Is the Faculty?*

**Elizabeth Dragon** is the Assistant Commissioner for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Compliance and Enforcement Program. DEP's Compliance and Enforcement Program carries out the State's protection of air, land, water, and natural resources through inspections, oversight, and enforcement activities for hundreds of environmental laws and

regulations administered by DEP regulatory programs and delegated federal authority. Assistant Commissioner Dragon previously oversaw DEP's Bureau of Coastal and Land Use Compliance and Enforcement. She has also served in DEP's Stormwater Management Unit, Water Resource Management Program and as an environmental engineer in its Land Use Management Program. Before joining DEP, Assistant Commissioner Dragon worked with pollution prevention programs in Illinois. She has also served as a member of the Air National Guard, working as a Bioenvironmental Engineer to evaluate soldiers' work procedures and living conditions to protect their health. Assistant Commissioner Dragon holds an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a master's degree in Engineering Management from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

**DAG Gary Wolf** is the Section Chief of the Division of Law's Environmental Enforcement & Environmental Justice Section (formerly the Environmental Enforcement & Cost Recovery Section). He was previously an assistant section chief with the Environmental Enforcement Section. DAG Wolf has worked as a geologist with two environmental consulting firms, implementing later supervising and coordinating multimedia environmental investigations and remedial activities at contaminated sites in the northeastern United States. DAG Wolf graduated from Lehigh University with a B.A. in Geology and received an M.S. in Environmental Geology from Vanderbilt University. He holds a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law.

**Glenn Pulliam** is the Program Manager for the Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program within the Department of Health's Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health. He oversees the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health, Right to Know, Lead and Asbestos, and Indoor Environmental Health units. He previously served in the Hazardous Site Health Assessment Unit, conducting public health risk assessments and in the Right to Know and Child Care/Educational Facility Health Assessment Units, performing regulatory compliance and health risk assessments. Before joining the Department of Health, Mr. Pulliam worked in the private sector as an environmental consultant with expertise in environmental site investigation, remedial evaluation and design, and environmental regulatory compliance. He holds a Master's in Public Health from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Engineering Technology from Temple University.

**James H. Harris** is an Inspector in the New Jersey Department of Labor's Asbestos Control and Licensing Unit. Before joining the Department of Labor, he was President of Regent International Solutions, Inc., a risk management and private detective agency. Mr. Harris previously served as a Special Agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. His assignments included Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Newark, NJ HIDTA Heroin and Money Laundering Task Force, SAIC/County Attaché for the China Area from Hong Kong, several positions in the DEA Office of Training and DEA representative to US DOJ Organized Crime Strike Force. He commenced his career with the DEA as a BNDD Special Agent in the New York Office, working on intelligence, conspiracy and criminal enterprise investigations at the NY Joint Task Force and Unified Intelligence Unit. Mr. Harris' first law enforcement position was as a police officer in Seaside Park, N.J.

**Chrystene Wyluda** is a supervisor of enforcement for the Department of Community Affairs' Office of Codes and Standards. She handles enforcement for several of the Department's programs. She previously worked for the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law and the New Jersey Office of Legislative Services. Ms. Wyluda holds a B.A. from Rutgers College and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School.

**Olumuyiwa Tex Falajiki** is the supervisor of the Asbestos and Lead Hazard Unit in the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Codes and Standards. He is responsible for the certification of New Jersey lead abatement and evaluation contractors and asbestos safety technicians and safety control monitors. He is also responsible for the enforcement of compliance protocols for the lead hazard evaluation and abatement code and the asbestos hazard abatement subcode of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code. Mr. Falajiki reviews asbestos abatement and lead abatement permit submittals for State owned, leased or managed buildings. He collaborates with local, State and federal officials on asbestos and lead related matters and conducts compliance outreach and education for the community regulated by his unit. Mr. Falajiki holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies from Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey.

**Brent Vonroth** is an Emergency Response Specialist with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Emergency Management Program – Bureau of Emergency Response-North. He protects the environment during all-hazard emergencies as the State on Scene Coordinator, managing and mitigating emergencies that impact or have the potential to impact sensitive State receptors or media. He began his career with the DEP as an Environmental Specialist for the Site Remediation Program, conducting reviews of multiple known contaminated sites in Northern New Jersey. Prior to joining DEP, he worked in the private sector as a field technician/hydrogeologist with Dan Ravi Associates, Inc. Mr. Vonroth graduated from Lafayette College, Easton PA, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Geoscience.

**Steve Ogulin** is a Detective Sergeant in the Department of Law and Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice. He is the investigative supervisor in the Environmental Crimes Unit within DCJ's Specialized Crimes Bureau. The Environmental Crimes Unit investigates and prosecutes violations of the State's water pollution, air pollution, hazardous waste and solid waste laws, as well as traditional crimes that impact public health, safety and the environment. Detective Sergeant Ogulin supervises and directs investigative activities at such crime scenes, which often involve both law enforcement and administrative personnel from multiple agencies and disciplines. The unit investigates cases involving abandoned chemicals/wastes, abandoned trailers filled with hazardous and non-hazardous materials, illegal dump sites, industrial process explosions, unsafe chemical storage or handling, illegal asbestos abatements and environmental remediation. It also handles pollution cases, including the discharge or release of petroleum and other hazardous substances or materials to air, land or water, medical waste, pollution of ocean and inland waters, soils or air, drinking water, and fraud or falsification related to such activities. Detective Sergeant Ogulin serves as the Division's liaison to the Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project. He teaches environmental crime investigation to law enforcement recruits, officers and regulatory officials in New Jersey and regionally. He is also a member of the Professional Advisory Board to the Forensic Science Program at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He holds a Master of Science in Chemistry, a Master of Science in Environmental Science and a Bachelor of Science in Science, Technology and Society from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

## *CLE Credit*

**NJ CLE Credit:** This program had been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 5.8 hours of total CLE credit. Of these, 0.0 qualify as hours of credit for ethics/professionalism.

**NY CLE Credit:** 5.5 Substantive Credits (pursuant to the approved jurisdiction policy).

**PA CLE Credit:** 4.5 Substantive Credits (\$7.50 mandatory registration fee required).

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### **AGENDA**

- 8:30-9:00     **Registration/Introductory Remarks**
- 9:00-9:50     **Department of Environmental Protection: Agency Overview and Enforcement of Environmental Laws** - Elizabeth Dragon
- 9:50-10:00    **Break**
- 10:00-10:30:  **Division of Law: Agency Overview and Enforcement of Environmental Laws**  
                  – Gary Wolf
- 10:30-11:00   **Department of Health: Agency Overview and Enforcement of Environmental Laws** - Glenn Pulliam
- 11:00-11:15   **Break**
- 11:15-11:45   **Department of Labor and Workforce Development: Agency Overview and Enforcement of Environmental Laws** - James H. Harris
- 11:45-12:15   **Department of Community Affairs: Agency Overview and Enforcement of Environmental Laws** - Chrystene Wyluda, Olumuyiwa Tex Falajiki
- 12:15–1:30     **Lunch**
- 1:30–2:30     **Department of Environmental Protection: Emergency Response** - Brent Vonroth
- 2:30-2:40     **Break**
- 2:40-3:40     **Division of Criminal Justice: Overview of Criminal Environmental Crimes Investigations** - Steve Ogulin
- 3:40-3:45     **Wrap up/Evaluations**