

# Environment Business



## **An Introduction to Environmental and Regulatory Law**

In recent years, there has been an increased focus on regulating the environmental impacts of industrial and commercial activities throughout Alberta. Civil suits commenced by neighbouring communities in regards to releases and contamination from these activities have also increased both in number and the size of damages awarded by the courts.

This course is intended to give managers the basic tools to identify potential environmental and regulatory liability and respond appropriately. This course is an introduction and is intended for those who are unfamiliar with environmental and regulatory law in Alberta.

This course will include a background of the regulatory process in Alberta, including inspections, investigations, enforcement and prosecutions and environmental civil actions, as well as case studies. The case studies will help participants understand how environmental liability can arise in circumstances based on actual cases.

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