

PORTS STORMWATER COMPLIANCE Lawyer's Perspective

ITS ALL ABOUT COMPLIANCE AND RISKS

- Federal Enforcement of CWA
- State CWA Enforcement, Federal Delegation
- Citizen Suits Under CWA
- RCRA and CERCLA Actions
- State Stormwater Compliance Laws
- Damage and Equitable Actions Under State Common Law (Riparian, Nuisance)



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EVALUATING RISKS FOR LIABILITY

- Fed/State Enforcement Priorities In Jurisdiction
- Sensitivities of Receiving Waters (TMDLs)
- Gang of Ten Activities (Sierra Club, Greenpeace, etc.)
- Local Citizen Groups and Waterkeepers
- Political and Economic Climate



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WHAT THE COURTS ARE SAYING

- NPDES Enforcement By EPA and Delegated States
- Citizen Suits Under CWA
- Standing To Sue By Citizens
- Suits Specifically Against Ports
- Analogous Suits Against Dockside Industry

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ILLUSTRATIVE REPORTED CASES

- NRDC v. Southwest Marine, 236 F.3d 985 (9th Cir. 2000)
- Santa Monica Baykeeper v. Kramer Metals, 619 F. Supp 2d 914 (C.D. Cal. 2009)
- Santa Monica Baykeepers v. Int'l Metals Ecko, 619 F. Supp 2d 936 (C.D. Cal 2009)
- BUILD v. Maryland Ports Adm. and Honeywell, Civ. Action No. MJG-07-724 (N.D. Md 2007)
- Service Oil, Inc. v. EPA, 590 F.3d 545 (8th Cir. 2009)
- Envtl. Prot. Info. Ctr. v. Pacific Lumber Co., 469 F. Supp 2d 803 (N.D. Cal. 2007)