

Environmental: Enforcement

Agency enforcement of environmental laws and regulations can catch even the more environmentally-conscientious businesses off-guard. Jones Walker has vast experience in working with federal and state agencies to respond to enforcement concerns. We speak their language and can decipher what is important to them so that clients can develop a proper and effective response to agency inquiries and enforcement actions. Our experience includes negotiating agreements and resolutions to all types of environmental agency enforcement actions—including complex and technical multi-media approaches. And, if the matter must be contested, we have represented clients in administrative, civil and criminal proceedings to successful and proper conclusions. Our enforcement experience includes:

- Citizen-suit defense
- Clean Air Act (CAA), including NSR claims and title issues
- Clean Water Act (CWA)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Multimedia initiatives
- Off-shore enforcement initiatives
- Oil & Gas exploration and production operations
- Oil Pollution Act (OPA)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- State programs
- Superfund reimbursement
- Wetlands and Coastal Use

Our experience also extends to:

- Compliance auditing, evaluation, and planning
- Emission credits
- Environmental justice
- Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) committee organization and management

- Supplement or beneficial environmental projects
- Voluntary Remediation Program agreements
- Wetland mitigation and banking