

(The) Good, the Bad and the Ugly! Managing Environmental Risks & Liabilities – Regulatory Liability

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Recent decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada, provincial courts across the country and environmental tribunals are re-shaping environmental risks, and regulatory and civil liabilities in Canada.

Part 2 – Regulatory Liability

Environmental regulatory liability is reaching farther than ever. Corporate directors and officers, lenders, real estate brokers and others find themselves faced with new and expanding environmental liabilities and regulatory requirements. Regulatory prosecutions across Canada are giving rise to higher fines and creative sentencing.

More than ever, property owners, businesses, and their professional advisors need to understand the evolving risks and potential liabilities, and how to manage them in their day-to-day operations.

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