

## Regulatory Compliance, Permitting, Approvals & Appeals

Regardless of your company's or project's size, compliance and permitting challenges threaten your balance sheet and your schedule. You need counsel with the knowledge necessary to chart the best course for securing state, federal, and local environmental approvals and permits necessary to move your project forward – on budget and on time.

Our attorneys have a track record of success with permitting complex, highly visible, and often controversial and contested projects. We help our clients anticipate and address agency concerns as well as develop permitting and litigation strategies that prevent or withstand challenges by regulators and interest groups.

We have secured all of the necessary environmental permits and approvals for the following major developments:

- Energy projects
- Industrial facilities
- Regional shopping centers
- Residential developments
- Solid and hazardous waste management facilities

### Quick Facts

- One of the largest environmental law practices in New England
- Recognized as a leader in environmental law by *Chambers USA* every year since its inception
- Lawyers also recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*, *Guide to the World's Leading Environmental Lawyers*, and the *Which Lawyer? Yearbook*
- Frequently consulted by regulators and trade associations on cutting-edge issues
- Senior lawyers include two former general counsel of government agencies

## Representative Matters

- Obtained approvals required by regulators in Massachusetts and federal regional offices for construction of two interstate natural gas pipelines in Massachusetts, the HubLine across Massachusetts Bay and the Northeast Gateway Lateral from the HubLine, to ExceleRate's offshore LNG Port.
- Leading the effort in Massachusetts to obtain all federal, state, and local environmental permits for development of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project and other improvements to the high-voltage electric transmission system serving New England.
- Represented GenOn in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit appeals to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board as well as on other permitting matters.
- Represented the Central Artery/Tunnel (CA/T) project in securing the project's major federal and state environmental impact and permit approvals and in defending the project against numerous environmental adjudicatory and state and federal litigation appeals.

## Our Services

- Coordinate investigations and inspection response:
  - Conduct internal investigations
  - Prepare self-disclosures
  - Respond to agency inspections
- Prepare environmental impact reports
- Negotiate National Environmental Policy Act and related state processes
- Obtain Section 404 permits under the Clean Water Act
- Deal effectively with wetlands and coastal zone regulatory requirements
- Adjudicate appeals before federal and state agencies
- Provide strategy for permit hearings before local zoning boards, health boards, and conservation commissions
- Conduct training programs and provide advice concerning compliance with environmental laws

## Representative Clients

- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- CVS Caremark
- GE
- Nestlé Waters North America
- Northeast Utilities
- Spectra Energy

## Isn't it time to connect?

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