

About Green Regs and Ham October 3 in Calgary

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**University of Calgary Downtown Campus
910 8 Ave. SW, Calgary**

7:00 a.m. Registration and breakfast buffet

7:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

7:45 a.m. Panel discussion

9:00 a.m. Wrap up, Coffee and Networking

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When we think hockey fights, we think instigators, enforcers, refs, and penalties.

When we think of contaminated sites in Alberta it isn't all that different. There is the pollution instigator (who may or may have evaded the ref), the refs – whether that is Alberta Environment and Parks, the Alberta Energy Regulator, or the municipality – trying to find development potential and figuring out appropriate penalties. Then there is “the show” of it all: the money and the rivalries. In hockey “the show” involves millions of dollars, so too in contaminated sites.

Contaminated sites raise a broad mix of policy challenges and sometimes competing policy outcomes: Who pays? What's the cost? What's the benefit? Pollutions instigators may run the gambit from law abiding (in an era of poor environmental standards), to negligent, to downright sneaky (I will let you fill in which hockey players match each category). There are only so many refs and they only have two eyes. The refs may, rightly or wrongly, bring a lens of equity to the rink (the infamous "equalizer" penalty call). And the money, the money could make even Connor McDavid jealous.

Join the ELC as we discuss the current state of the law, and emerging challenges and opportunities in managing brownfields.

Special guests Paul Leong of the City of Calgary and Nigel Bankes from the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary, will bring the practical and legal context to the discussion.

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