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Straight Talk Clears Environmental Issues

Strengthened by in-depth experience in the energy (including wind-generated), semiconductor, primary steel, specialty industrial gas, commercial real estate development, petroleum product terminaling and mineral extraction industries and with federal, state and local regulatory authorities, Andrews Kurth counsels clients in diverse and changing environmental legal and regulatory challenges.

From securing project permits to prosecuting high-profile novel Superfund private party contribution/cost recovery litigation and complex estuarine remediation cases, our lawyers counsel in all environmental media including:

- Permitting and enforcement proceedings
- Environmental litigation
- Regulatory compliance
- Brownfield contaminated property redevelopment
- Superfund remediation and cost recovery cases, national and regional
- Transactional counsel
- Climate change

Our representative matters include managing legacy environmental liabilities for refineries and protecting the interests of the world's largest big box retailers. And we're involved in two of the country's most significant wide-area sediment contamination sites.

Environmental Practice Depth

Working in concert with our Energy, Corporate, Finance, Bankruptcy and Real Estate practice groups, our environmental lawyers mitigate pertinent issues that arise during transactions and find solutions to keep deals on closing track. Our deep bench strength in environmental litigation includes landmark CERCLA and environmental indemnity cases.

Industry areas in which we have substantial experience include the oil and gas, chemical and industrial manufacturing sectors.

Regulatory Agency and Environmental Experience

Our environmental counsel is national and we regularly appear before the United States Environmental Protection Agency, both headquarters and at the regional level. In addition, we have appeared before state environmental agencies in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey and New York.

Andrews Kurth's environmental insight results from the dynamic combination of lawyers experienced in pertinent areas of government, regulatory agencies and industries. Our lawyers' backgrounds of service include:

- Staff lawyer at a predecessor agency of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- In-house counsel on environmental issues to a major international infrastructure provider to domestic and foreign upstream and downstream oil and gas, organic and inorganic chemical, and manufacturing operations
- In-house counsel to a major international semiconductor manufacturer, which included an active role in the Semiconductor Industry Association, the principal trade group for that manufacturing sector

Environmental Representative Matters

- Provide extensive environmental support to natural gas and petroleum product pipelines and associated infrastructure, oil and gas, and exploration, production and refining sectors

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- Represent an entity responsible for legacy environmental liabilities of former refining and organic and inorganic chemical manufacturing operations
- Counsel one of the largest "big box" retail operations in the world in its development and environmental matters
- Advise a multinational industrial gas manufacturer and provider
- Guide developers of Brownfield properties, and counsel parties engaged in voluntary cleanups of current and former industrial properties
- Represent semiconductor manufacturers
- Counsel a car rental operation serving a major metropolitan area and its airports
- Represent marine and inland petroleum product terminals
- Advise and counsel steel mini-mills

Environmental Transactional Counsel

Our seasoned environmental practitioners efficiently perform environmental diligence services. Our ability to identify issues of potential or actual materiality, and strategies and solutions to those issues, adds value in the course of major deals.

Climate Change

In the emerging area of climate change, Andrews Kurth environmental lawyers are on the forefront of developments and changes within the environmental regulatory framework and in the context of energy and non-energy sector transactions.

Falling under the canopy of climate change are such diverse disciplines as renewable and alternative energy, project development, finance, real estate and environmental regulatory law.

Complete Climate Change Counsel

Skilled at both the regulatory demands and corporate opportunities that climate change is producing, Andrews Kurth counselors work in tandem with colleagues firm-wide on a range of innovative projects.

From structuring carbon credit programs to negotiating the financing and implementation of wind and solar projects, our lawyers counsel investors and companies regionally, nationally and worldwide, wherever their opportunities arise.

Corporate governance and regulatory compliance are also major aspects of our climate change counsel.

We advise on climate change-connected disclosure requirements for public companies mandated by Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the SEC, and address other concerns in corporate social responsibility. Our lawyers, many of whom have extensive backgrounds working within environmental and other oversight agencies, monitor emerging government policies and developments.

With climate change-related projects spanning from New Mexico and Pennsylvania to Trinidad and India, we combine substantive and procedural resources to resolve challenges and maximize opportunities for our clients.