

Environmental Compliance & Permitting

Counseling & regulatory advocacy to help advance business goals



We're here for you when you face

- compliance challenges with numerous and, sometimes conflicting, environmental requirements
- permit negotiations aimed at achieving optimum operating flexibility
- uncertainty about business decisions with potential environmental consequences
- unexpected events or obstacles threatening your company

We help you manage

- Identification of applicable regulatory requirements
- Preparation of permit application
- Developing comments on draft permits
- Preparation for public hearings/media responses
- Periodic self-audits and corrective actions
- Identification of best management practices
- Preparation for inspections/incident investigations
- Anticipation of new/proposed requirements

Interdisciplinary and diverse backgrounds

- Experienced attorneys well versed in federal and state environmental regulatory programs and administrative processes
- Former counsel to federal and state agencies on coastal environmental regulation and land use
- Former assistant in-house counsel to company supporting alternative energy options

Related Practice Areas

Alternative Energy
Asbestos
Commercial Leasing
Construction
Corporate & Securities
Energy
Energy Efficiency
Environmental
Environmental - Transactions
Environmental Enforcement & Litigation
Federal Government Strategies
General Counsel Services
Government Relations
Oil & Gas
Power Generation
Real Estate
Resort & Planned Communities
State & Local Government Relations
Timber & Forest
Toxic Torts
White Collar Defense & Government Investigations

Related Industries

Construction
Consumer Products & Retail
Energy & Utilities

- Member and former chairman of state agency funding conservation of over 250,000 acres in a Southeastern state
- Member of board of directors of Green Chamber of the South and Georgia Land Trust Service Center
- Leaders in influential environmental associations and in environmental committees for state and federal legal organizations
- Served as counsel to trade associations

Our clients range from Fortune 50 corporations to single-facility companies, including

- Manufacturing
 - Aerospace
 - Agricultural chemicals, maintenance vehicles, lawn equipment, and hand tools
 - Appliances (commercial and residential)
 - Automotive and automotive parts
 - Biomass and other alternative energy producers
 - Ceramics
 - Chemicals and specialty chemical manufacturers, processors, and suppliers
 - Consumer products
 - Electrical and lighting
 - Pesticides and pesticide devices
 - Pharmaceutical drugs and devices
 - Plastics and Polymers
 - Recreational vehicles
 - Textiles
- Commercial waste management and recyclers
 - Asbestos
 - C&D
 - Coal ash
 - Scrap metal
 - Solid and hazardous waste
 - Used oil
 - Tires
 - Waste-to-energy
- Construction
- Forestry and forest products
- Metal working, foundries, and metal coatings
- Mining
- Pulp and paper industry

Hospitality & Tourism

Manufacturing

Pharmaceuticals &
Medical Devices

Real Estate

Technology

Transportation

- Residential and commercial real estate, including development
- Retailers
- Transportation
 - Trucking
 - Rail
- Utilities and other energy suppliers

Our environmental attorneys' decades of experience inform the judgment and guidance we share with you

- **Legislative and regulatory developments and advocacy** – monitoring, drafting comments, applying environmental laws and regulations as they have developed and matured; task force participation drafting and/or evaluating effects of proposed legislation and regulations
- **Industry experience** – wide range of industries served enables us to understand business interests and bring balanced perspectives
- **Field experience** – assisting clients in implementing compliance actions
- **Thought leadership** – articles, contributing to national environmental publications, speaking on important developments in environmental law; comments and white papers on state and federal statutes, regulations and guidance documents (since the 1980s)
- **Industry and trade association initiatives** – we work tirelessly to assist in efforts to maintain reasonable and effective environmental protections to help allow successful business operations
- **Leadership** – our attorneys serve in leadership positions in the American Bar Association (Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources; Section of Litigation; Business Law Section) and other national and state legal organizations

Our team's judgment and practical know-how provide you with the support you want in identifying, weighing, and handling risks and liabilities

- **Anticipating changes** in air emissions programs and finding effective response strategies to comply
- **Advising you about how proposed regulations and regulatory amendments** will affect your operations
- **Planning for permits** for new manufacturing plants and heading off possible challenges
- **Providing Innovative approaches** to support sensible permit features
- **Guiding internal audits, practices and programs** to enhance compliance
- **Investigating whistle-blower allegations**
- **Briefing the C-suite** on complex environmental issues in understandable terms
- **Evaluating and managing risks** from non-compliance or accidental releases
- **Teaming with industry groups** with common interests

- **Guiding reporting and clean-ups** when spills occur or contamination is discovered
- **Bringing in consultants with scientific expertise** to supplement in-house resources
- **Managing contamination at legacy sites**
- **Weighing in for you on regulations** that are beyond an agency's authority or that just don't make sense scientifically
- **Finding reasonable resolution to disagreements with agencies** in compliance and enforcement matters

Why Nelson Mullins?

- Substantial experience in matters involving state and federal air, water, waste, land resource, development and occupational health statutes and regulations
- Knowledge of who's who in environmental regulatory agencies
- Prior industry experience
- Access to Nelson Mullins colleagues from other practice areas necessary to provide comprehensive evaluation of business needs associated with environmental representations
- Close partnerships with in-house counsel to understand what keeps them up at night and help them solve those problems
- Efficient staffing and favorable rates

Experience

Following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

- Defended challenges to first air and hazardous waste permits issued for secondary lead smelter in over 25 years
- Numerous successful permitting efforts for green-field and expanding manufacturing facilities, including obtaining, and amending Plant-wide Applicability Limits for air emissions
- Obtained and defended challenges to Subtitle D commercial municipal solid waste landfill permits
- Successfully guided clients in numerous self-reporting efforts following internal audits
- Advised numerous manufacturers and distributors on labeling, false claims and transportation placarding requirements
- Secured manufacturer's storm water discharge permit for aviation company constructing a 40,000 square foot hangar near wetlands surrounding airport