

Mathew J. Todaro

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Mat works closely with clients to solve complex regulatory matters. When necessary, he also defends clients facing inspections or enforcement proceedings.

Mat's experience and passion for his work have translated into a strong record of success in defending clients in enforcement proceedings specifically concerning federal regulatory matters. Mat defends and negotiates on behalf of his clients under statutes such as the Clean Water Act, EPCRA, and FIFRA, and with a particular focus on Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. He also represents clients in complex, multi-party CERCLA matters for sites listed on EPA's National Priorities List.

Mat routinely advises clients facing an array of regulatory compliance challenges involving the ever-changing landscape of chemical regulation including PFAS, private and agency-supervised environmental remediations, and product labeling including California's Proposition 65. Mat works closely with clients engaged in wastewater treatment and waste disposal to secure federal and state permits and to develop creative and innovative legal and policy solutions. Mat also assists clients with OSHA compliance and defense, focusing on the development of comprehensive and effective Environment, Health, and Safety programs.

In all aspects of his work, while serving as outside counsel, Mat prides himself on becoming a dedicated and integrated member of his clients' teams, much like a devoted inside counsel.

Mat's experience includes clerkships with the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division and the Office of General Counsel within the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. During law school, he was awarded an honors certification in environmental law, selected as a Rappaport Fellow, and elected President of the Environmental Law Society. Prior to law school, Mat was the International Policy Director for one of the nation's largest environmental policy networks, working directly with members of the U.S. State Department and Congress on the issue of climate change. Following two years with Teach For America, for a "break," Mat rode his bicycle

Services/Industries

- Environmental & Land Use
- Manufacturing
- Employment & Labor
- Energy
- Coastal & Shoreland
- Litigation & Trial
- Water and Wastewater Systems

across the country in 52 days—Seattle to Maine, to be exact.

In the rare moments when Mat is not at his desk or at a client's facility, he and his wife spend every moment possible enjoying their two incredible children.

Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D.)
- The George Washington University (B.A., *magna cum laude*)

Public Service

- Teach For America – ENC – 2004

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire

Memberships

- American Bar Association: Section on Environment, Energy and Resources
 - Select roles within section:
 - Co-chair: National Enforcement Conference, Washington, D.C. (fall 2019)
 - Planning Committee: Fall Conference, Nashville, Tennessee (fall 2020)
 - Leadership Development Program (2016)

Honors

- Recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* under Environment
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *New England Super Lawyers*® under Environmental
- Received Katahdin Counsel Recognition for *pro bono* efforts (2016)

To learn more about third-party ratings and rankings, and the selection processes used for inclusion, [click here](#).

Experience

FEMA National Flood Insurance Program

Verrill represents and advises waterfront landowners in all aspects of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, including appeals of floodplain map

designations, permitting structures and other development in mapped floodplains, and negotiation of FEMA insurance rates.

Publications & Podcasts

June 7, 2023

Maine Legislature Poised to Make Significant Changes to Maine's PFAS in Products Law

Law360

March 11, 2022

Amplify Your Process Safety Podcast with Mathew Todaro

February 26, 2021

Environmental Compliance Audits

July 17, 2019

After the EPA Inspector Leaves

January 31, 2019

2019 Annual Employment Law Update Materials

News

June 9, 2023

30 Verrill Attorneys, Across Four Offices, Recognized in 2023 Chambers & Partners Guide

October 13, 2022

39 Verrill Attorneys Named 2022 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

June 8, 2022

31 Verrill Attorneys, Across Four Offices, Recognized in 2022 Chambers & Partners Guide

November 22, 2021

32 Verrill Attorneys Named 2021 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

May 27, 2021

32 Verrill Attorneys, Across Three Offices, Recognized in 2021 Chambers & Partners Guide

November 9, 2020

35 Verrill Attorneys Named 2020 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

April 27, 2020

38 Verrill Attorneys, Across Four Offices, Recognized in 2020 Chambers & Partners Guide

January 22, 2020

Verrill Elects Four New Partners

December 11, 2019

39 Verrill Attorneys Named 2019 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

October 23, 2019

Mat Todaro Provides Thoughts on Local Favorites

May 14, 2019

40 Verrill Dana Attorneys, Across Four Offices, Recognized in 2019 Chambers & Partners Guide

Events

November 9, 2022

ASSP Region VIII 24th Annual Professional Development Conference and Expo

Crowne Plaza

June 7, 2022

National Safety Council (NSC) of Northern New England's 51st Annual New Hampshire Safety & Health Conference

Sheraton Nashua Hotel

December 8, 2021

Maine Rural Water Association Annual Conference

Samoset Resort

November 8, 2021

Maine Rural Water Association's 2021 Annual Conference

Samoset Resort

Blog Posts: Environmental and Energy Law Update

The Environmental and Energy Law Update blog provides an analysis and discussion of the most critical and timely legal issues and announcements environmental, natural resource, and energy sectors.

April 14, 2023

PFAS Regulatory Update: Dates You Need to Know

Public Comment on the Federal Proposed Drinking Water Standards for Six PFAS

Compounds On March 29, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), published in the Federal Register its proposed national drinking water standards for six PFAS compounds. Official...

March 17, 2023

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Proposes National Drinking Water Standard for Six PFAS Compounds

On March 14, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) announced a proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”). PFAS are a category of manufactured chemicals that have been widely used in...

May 12, 2021

Prop 65: Will the “Short-Form” be Short Lived?

Enacted as part of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Proposition 65 (“Prop 65”) requires businesses with ten or more employees that sell products in the state of California to provide notice to consumers of...

August 7, 2018

A New Hurdle in Prop. 65 Compliance: Inter-Supply Chain Information Requests

Most industry professionals are aware that a revised set of California Proposition 65 or “Prop. 65” regulations will take effect at the end of the month on August 30, 2018. Prop. 65 is a so-called right-to-know statute that, among...

December 6, 2017

It’s Only “Natural:” Avoiding the Risk of Consumer Lawsuits Over Food Labels

Americans are increasingly sensitive to the ingredients that go into the food that we eat. Recently, Congress passed a law requiring manufacturers to label or place QR codes on products containing or made from genetically modified organisms (“GMOs”). Now...

September 22, 2017

New Priorities: DEP Adds Two Flame Retardants to Priority Chemicals List

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP” or “the Department”) recently adopted a new regulation that adds two flame retardants to the State’s “Priority Chemicals” list. The regulation requires that manufacturers and distributors who intentionally add decabromodiphenyl ether (“deca...

April 14, 2017

Batten Down the Hatches: FEMA Releases New Flood Maps for Cumberland and York Counties

Landowners in Maine’s two most populous counties should take heed: the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prepares to roll-out updated preliminary flood insurance maps for Cumberland and York counties. FEMA announced Monday it plans to issue revised flood hazard...

January 24, 2017

EPA Releases 2016 Enforcement Figures

This year marks the third annual post from this Blog highlighting EPA’s

enforcement and compliance figures. And while this year's data tells a number of interesting stories, no story is larger than the potential impact of the incoming Trump...

August 8, 2016

On Tap For Yuengling, Clean Water Act Penalties

Wastewater disposal for large breweries, mid-sized establishments, and even small craft brewers, remains a significant environmental and economic challenge. Recently, the oldest brewery in America received an unpleasant reminder of this fact. D.G. Yuengling and Sons, Inc. was issued...

June 23, 2016

Gray Areas for Green Labels: The Current State of Environmental Marketing

"Natural," "green," "sustainable," "biodegradable," – it seems like everywhere you look, from the big box stores to your local farmer's market, products are being marketed for their environmental and healthful benefits. For a range of reasons, consumer demand for...

February 11, 2016

Vapor Intrusion Intruding on EPA's Hazard Ranking System under CERCLA

Section 105(a)(8)(B) of CERCLA sets forth the outlines of the scoring system used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") Superfund program to assess and rank the potential and actual threat associated with sites across the country. The...

January 25, 2016

EPA Releases 2015 Enforcement Statistics

As it does each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA" or "Agency") recently released its annual enforcement statistics for the past year. As the Agency has been saying throughout Administrator McCarthy's tenure, it is focusing on...

November 19, 2015

Coming Soon—Reporting Requirements: Phthalates and Formaldehyde

Attention distributors, manufacturers, and some retailers of children's products sold into the State of Maine. The December 18, 2015 deadline to report the intentional use of formaldehyde and certain phthalates in children's products sold into the State is less...

November 5, 2015

Count ME In

Count Maine "in" as one of the 18 states filing a motion to intervene to defend the federal Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA" or "Agency") Clean Power Plan ("Rule"). A coalition including 24 states wasted little time filing suit against...

August 20, 2015

Welcome to the Club: Formaldehyde and Phthalates Now Priority Chemicals

Two new rules recently adopted by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("Maine DEP" or "the Department") added formaldehyde and phthalates to the State's list of Priority Chemicals. As of July 26, 2015, the Department now

has the legal...

June 11, 2015

Bold Words from World Leaders Boost EPA Clean Power Plan

The buzz word coming out of this week's Group of Seven Summit (G7; formerly the G8, now sans Russia) in Germany was "decarbonisation." (Yes, across the Pond they swap the "z" for an "s".) In the first announcement of...

May 13, 2015

When is Enough, Enough? – EPA Seeks Comment on Post-Closure Care for Hazardous Waste Disposal Facilities Under RCRA

In 1980, as part of the implementation of statutes governing hazardous waste, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) required that owners and operators of disposal facilities containing hazardous waste provide active monitoring of their sites for 30 years...

March 18, 2015

Far-Reaching Decision: Appeals Court Finds Carbon Offsets Ensure Integrity

In a recent decision by a California Appeals court, the appellant, (Our Children's Earth Foundation; (Appellant)), challenged the State Air Resources Board's (Board) use of carbon offsets within its Cap-and-Trade program and more specifically, its method for establishing that...

March 10, 2015

"Arctic Caucus" called for by Sens. King and Murkowski

On Thursday of last week, the first-ever hearing dedicated to the Arctic region as a whole was held in the U.S. Senate. The hearing signaled the launch of the "Arctic Caucus" (Caucus), a body assembled by Senators Angus King...

February 27, 2015

High Water Everywhere: Northeast Waters Warmin' and A Risin'

Researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the University of Arizona recently released findings from tidal data collected over a two year period (2009-2010). The central conclusion of the data is this: New England sea levels...

February 27, 2015

EPA Considers Portion of Hackensack River for National Priorities List

This article was written with the assistance of Nora Lawrence, Associate. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced plans to evaluate whether a 17-mile stretch of the Hackensack River in New Jersey should be added to Superfund's National Priorities...

February 3, 2015

Two Federal Leases Secured for Offshore Wind Projects

Two energy companies recently secured leases for offshore wind projects in the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area located 12 nautical miles south of Martha's Vineyard. The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced the winners of the leases totaling...

January 28, 2015

DEP Proposes—or Re-Proposes—Two Chemicals for Priority List

Earlier this month, Maine DEP (Department) announced it would be proposing—or more accurately, re-proposing—the addition of two chemical to its list of “Priority” chemicals. The Department announced that it would be drafting rules to include formaldehyde and phthalates...

January 9, 2015

EPA Releases 2014 Enforcement Statistics

At the close of last month, EPA released its annual enforcement numbers for 2014. As the Agency had been saying all year, the data reflects its focus on high-visibility enforcement complete with stiffer penalties and greater environmental benefits. In...

September 30, 2014

New Massachusetts Regulation – Limit on Commercial Organic Material

Anaerobic digestion converts organic waste into a biogas to supply heat and power. Photo courtesy the Univeristy of Alberta. Next month, the disposal of food wastes and vegetative materials in Massachusetts will change significantly. New regulations take effect on...