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Unique One Day Program to Tackle Challenges, Foster Partnerships, and Discuss Novel Ways to Manage and Optimize Restoration of Natural Resources (Air, Water, Land, Biota) Affected by Oil Spills and Hazardous Waste...and War

Washington, DC – November 2 – Constantly evolving changes in the natural resources arena (effects on air, water, land, biota) present new challenges and new opportunities...biodiversity, climate change, emerging contaminants, energy security, ESG and sustainability reporting and more. Moreover, recent global, domestic, and local events have brought natural resources into the forefront of government, industrial, and societal activities and decisions alike. The complexities of natural resource policy and practice require vital collaboration between the public and private sectors and innovative, cutting-edge, and flexible approaches.

On Wednesday, November 15, public and private sector officials and many other discipline-specific practitioners in law, science, engineering and economics will gather at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC for a one-day specialty program “**Natural Resources Symposium Redux: Influences, Perspectives, Needs One Year Later.**” Convened by the Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Management Group in cooperation with The George Washington University Law School, Environmental Law Institute, The George Washington University’s Environmental and Energy Management Institute, and

others including federal and state governmental entities, the program will look at what has occurred since Fall 2022 and advance discussions on how to best address “influencers” such as climate change, PFAS and related chemicals, the role of the judiciary, corporate transparency and ESG reporting in order to identify paths forward to facilitate government and corporate innovation and associated partnerships. The program will offer valuable insights into evolving policy and practice issues and their impact on environmental and natural resource matters. Attendees will gain knowledge of innovative, flexible, and pragmatic solutions for addressing these issues in their daily work.

The program will again bring together an outstanding set of speakers -- ranging from government policy makers -- to senior officers responsible for implementing corporate and government policies -- to attorneys, consultants, academics and other experts working in-the-trenches on natural resource matters. Roger Martella, Group Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer, GE and GE Vernova, will open the program, to be followed by a panel of experts including John Cruden, Former Assistant Attorney General, Environment & Natural Resources Division, US Department of Justice and Michael Gerrard, Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice and Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School. Dr. Philip Levin, who is heading up the nation’s first Nature Assessment under the auspices of the White House Office of Science and Technology and from the US Global Change Research Program, will provide an update on this work. An overview of four best practice frameworks and preview of four workshops to take place in 2024 on PFAS, Climate, Remediation and Emergency Response and their inter-relationships with natural resource damage assessment and restoration will also be provided.

Representatives of companies in diverse sectors, government, academia, NGOs and others will benefit from this program. Participation on November 15 is available in person at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC or via web. Registration in advance is required. A number of States have repeatedly granted CLE credit for our Natural Resources Symposia and the 2023 program will be registered

for credit in various states. Full information on the November 15 program including registration link can be found at the Symposium website: www.NaturalResourcesSymposium.com.

Since 1999, the Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Management Group has convened a dozen Natural Resources Symposia, each with its own theme. These Symposia constitute a unique multi-stakeholder examination of national and international scope natural resource related policies and practices, with a strong focus on innovative and cutting-edge approaches and identification of greatest needs moving forward.

About the Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Management Group

The Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Management Group, founded in 1988, is a non-lobbying coalition of major multinational companies in every industry sector, uniquely focused on the interface between natural resources (air, water, species, land) and a wide spectrum of industrial activities (from consumer products to mining to renewable energy and more). The Group's purview includes activities to prevent, minimize and optimize natural resource liability and management issues. Moreover, the Group is known nationally and internationally for its ongoing support to companies and advancing the state of the art with a wide array of multistakeholder partners concerning natural resource damages and related restoration of the services provided by natural resources. More information about the Group can be found at www.NRDonline.org.

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