

Webinar: Environmental Auditing and Penalty Mitigation: Leveraging EPA's Audit Policy Under the Trump Administration

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The Trump Administration's U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is shifting its enforcement approach from aggressive actions to more cooperative mechanisms, such as compliance assistance programs and voluntary self-disclosure. For regulated industries such as manufacturing, heavy industry, and mineral extraction, this creates an opportunity to strengthen compliance while reducing enforcement risk.

EPA's long-standing Audit Policy offers significant benefits, ranging from elimination or reduction of civil penalties to tailored incentives for new owners and clearer correction timelines. Successfully leveraging the policy, however, requires careful planning, strategic decisions on disclosure, and an understanding of potential risks.

Co-hosted by Kelley Drye and Fehr Graham, this webinar features Kelley Drye Partners [Wayne D'Angelo](#) and [Joseph Green](#) and Fehr Graham's Matt Schroeder, EHS Practice Lead. Together, they will share practical guidance on how companies can use EPA's Audit Policy to manage compliance obligations, mitigate penalties, and minimize enforcement exposure. They will explore:

- Recent policy shifts at EPA under the Trump Administration and their implications for regulated industries
- The benefits of EPA's Audit Policy and the New Owner Audit Policy
- Key considerations and potential risks when undertaking audits and disclosures
- Practical tips to preserve privilege and maximize penalty mitigation
- Insights into EPA's coordination with state agencies and how that impacts disclosure decisions

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