

CONFERENCE

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Annual Conference

Monday, September 21, 2020

Pre-Conference Class

7:30 to 8:30

Prop. 65 Compliance 101

Instructors: **Renee Kalmes**, Principal, Exponent
Carol Monahan-Cummings, Chief Counsel, OEHHA
Matt Nevins, Research Manager, Center for Environmental Health

Bios

Renee Kalmes

Principal, Exponent

Ms. Kalmes is a certified industrial hygienist with over 25 years of experience. In this role, she is responsible for designing, conducting, and managing technical studies addressing community, occupational and consumer exposure to chemical agents including asbestos, benzene, beryllium, chlorine, formaldehyde, lead and other heavy metals, pesticides, styrene, sulfides and chlorinated hydrocarbons.

Ms. Kalmes has prepared over 200 regulatory human health risk assessments for various properties, including former landfills, industrial, residential, recreational, and agricultural properties and schools, including Brownfields Sites addressing potential chemical exposure in air, soil, and groundwater. She has communicated risk results to a variety of stakeholders, including neighborhood, worker, and community groups. Ms. Kalmes has evaluated residential and commercial soil vapor intrusion issues through use of soil vapor modeling and air monitoring tools.

Ms. Kalmes also specializes in conducting and directing studies to assess potential exposure to consumer and personal care products including evaluation of lead, phthalates, silica, asbestos, benzene, toluene, cadmium, arsenic, ethyl benzene, formaldehyde, bisphenol A and flame retardants. She has developed sampling protocols to evaluate FDA, CPSC and Proposition 65 claims, specifically addressing dermal contact and incidental ingestion associated with hand-to-mouth activities, as well as naturally occurring lead claims in food products. She has provided exposure assessment and toxicology support for consumer product recall claims. Ms. Kalmes has assisted numerous companies in establishing compliance programs for CPSIA, as well as developing programs to address Proposition 65 compliance, restricted chemical listings, and green chemistry initiatives. Additionally, she has designed and directed studies to simulate and reconstruct chemical exposures associated with use and handling of consumer products in residential and occupational settings. She has also sampled and reconstructed historical exposure to a variety of volatile chemicals in residential and workplace settings.

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Ms. Kalmes has taught numerous courses on risk assessment, industrial hygiene and toxicology at the University of California Extension Program and has developed and conducted more than 100 worker training programs. Ms. Kalmes has been an invited speaker at numerous professional conferences is frequently invited to speak and lecture on exposure assessment methods. Ms. Kalmes often interacts with local and state regulatory agencies and has testified as an expert in the area of industrial hygiene, Proposition 65 and exposure and human health risk assessment.

Carol Monahan-Cummings

Chief Counsel, OEHHA

Carol Monahan Cummings was appointed Chief Counsel at the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in October 2003 and was reappointed by Governor Brown in December 2012. In this capacity, Ms. Cummings advises the Director, other Executive Office members, as well as OEHHA staff on all legal matters affecting the Office. Principal areas of practice include: Proposition 65 implementation, developing and amending various regulations, serving as counsel for the Carcinogen Identification Committee, the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Committee, and the California Biomonitoring Scientific Guidance Panel as well as serving as liaison to the Attorney General's Office for all lawsuits where OEHHA is a party.

Prior to coming to OEHHA Ms. Cummings served as an Assistant General Counsel for the California Environmental Protection Agency between September 2001 and October 2003. She was primarily responsible for providing legal support for the Environmental Justice program, legal advice concerning ethics and personnel issues for the Agency as well as for coordinating cross-media enforcement task forces, investigations and related litigation.

Before coming to Cal/EPA, Ms. Cummings was a prosecutor with Sacramento County where she prosecuted criminal and civil environmental enforcement cases including illegal hazardous waste transportation, storage and disposal cases; and water and air pollution cases.

Ms. Cummings received her law degree from Empire College School of Law in Santa Rosa, California where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1995.

Matt Nevins

Research Manager, Center for Environmental Health

Matt has worked with the Center for Environmental Health for the past 10 years, currently as Research Manager of the organization's program focused on ending illegal toxic threats to public health. During his time at CEH, he has orchestrated a compliance testing program to ensure that settling defendants of CEH's lead in jewelry cases were in compliance with agreed-upon lead limits in jewelry. He has also run an outreach and testing program regarding lead in artificial turf playing surfaces at schools and child-care centers. While not actively working on cases that protect Californians from toxic chemicals in consumer products, he has filmed and edited CEH's video projects to raise public awareness of the organization's campaigns. Matt received his BA in Film Studies from the University of California, Berkeley in 2009.