



Commission for Environmental Cooperation
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**The Commission for Environmental Cooperation
Presents a Workshop on
the Submissions on Enforcement Matters Process**

When: 16 March 2017, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm

**Where: The George Washington University Law School
Jacob Burns Moot Court Room**

Who: Open to the Public and Free of Charge

This workshop will be interactive and present an overview of the submissions on enforcement matters (SEM) process administered by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. The SEM process was established by the environmental side agreement, the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation, to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and allows any resident or organization of North America to file a submission asserting that one of the Parties is not effectively enforcing its environmental law.

CEC attorneys will not only discuss a brief history of the CEC and the SEM process but will also lead participants in an interactive workshop on how submissions are filed, the requirements that must be met, and the how the process provides transparency and information sharing about effective enforcement of environmental laws in North America.

In addition, a panel discussion on the SEM process will be presented with law professors distinguished in the field of international environmental law: Lee Paddock, GWU Law School; Tracy Hester, University of Houston Law School; Eric Dannenmaier, Northern Illinois University Law School; and, Hoi Kong, McGill University Faculty of Law.

Please see attached agenda. If you plan to attend, please register here: <http://www.cec.org/news-and-outreach/events>

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CEC WORKSHOP ON THE SUBMISSIONS ON ENFORCEMENT MATTERS PROCESS

Thursday, March 16, 2017
Jacob Burns Moot Court Room, George Washington Law School

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Location: Jacob Burns Moot Court Room, GW Law School

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Registration of Participants

2:30pm - 2:35pm

Welcoming Remarks

Robert Moyer, Director and Paolo Solano, Legal Officer
CEC Submissions on Enforcement Matters (SEM) Unit

2:35pm - 3:15pm

Brief History of the CEC and Overview of the SEM Process

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3:15pm - 4:15pm

The CEC SEM Process (Hypothetical submission and discussion in small groups)

- How to file a submission
- What are the requirements that must be met?
- How the process provides transparency and information sharing on effective enforcement of environmental laws in North America

4:15pm - 5:30pm

Panel discussion on the SEM process with the following law professors distinguished in the field of international environmental law (*Invited*):

Lee Paddock, GWU Law School; Tracy Hester, University of Houston Law School; Eric Dannenmaier, Northern Illinois University Law School; and, Hoi Kong, McGill University Faculty of Law