Agencies Morphing, NGOs and Citizens Rising:
The Legal and Advocacy Perspective

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What Does the Horizon Look Like?

While the responsibilities of Environmental Professionals are always changing, new pressures and paradigms are changing the traditional risk points.
Regulator Outlook

- Re-oriented EPA
  - Changing ability to serve
- State Budget Realities
  - 2018, 2019 and beyond
- Retirement Realities
  - 50% of CTDEEP eligible to retire within 72 months
  - Loss of institutional knowledge & relationships
- “Doing less with less”
Implications For Regulated Parties

- Regulatory Fragmentation
- Loss of Institutional Relationships
- On-site Inspection vs. Desktop Review
- Temporary Regulatory Lull?
Post Election Windfall for NGOs

- **Sierra Club**: 20,000 new monthly donors and >$3,000,000 in post-election commitments

- **Natural Resources Defense Council**: 50,000 new members by the end of November 2016
The Social & NGO Landscape

- Popular culture driving views and opinions
- Information tsunami
  - Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for every cause and location
  - Non-traditional sources of news
  - New media willing to take content from everywhere
NGOs – Sectors of Influence

- **Familiar**
  - Permitting
  - Litigation

- **New**
  - Citizen Science
  - New Tools
  - On-Line Data
  - Digital Journalism
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Climate change opens new lines of attack

- Fossil fuel combustion
- Fossil fuel facility siting
- Fossil fuel facility operational compliance
- And then …
  - Non-Big Oil facilities?
  - Non-petroleum waterfront facilities?
  - CAA 112(r)?
What Does This Mean for You

- **Pressure from Different Angles**
  - Technological Advances
  - Crowdsourcing & Citizen Science
  - Digital Journalism
  - Targeted Actions by NGOs

- **Puzzle Becoming Multi-Dimensional**
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