

## **How Are We Going to Effectively Manage PFAS Risks and Liability?**

### **Moderator**

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### **Panelists**

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Discovery of emerging contaminants at already established remediation sites can have a significant impact on the schedule, cost, and effectiveness of ongoing remedial programs. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) are particularly challenging and not like other emerging contaminants we've dealt with before for several reasons. Their widespread use, high solubility and lack of biological attenuation make them a much more challenging problem to address. Social media has also only served to exacerbate public concerns associated with PFAS impacts. Limited, inconsistent, and rapidly changing promulgated health criteria also contributes to the challenge in managing PFAS.

This panel will assemble a diverse group of panelists, who have varying perspectives and potentially opposing viewpoints related to the overall management of PFAS and their impact on to public health, the environment, and our remediation industry. Following a brief introduction from the moderator, each panel member will present key factors they believe will allow us to balance PFAS risks against significant potential PFAS financial liabilities. Several specific questions will be developed and provided to the panelists in advance.