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Barry R. Kogut, Esq. is an attorney with Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC who concentrates his practice in the area of Environmental Law. Mr. Kogut will provide a general overview of the Asbestos and PCB regulatory programs, and highlight requirements that will be of particular interest to project design teams.

John Shaheen, P.E. is an engineer with O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., and the head of O'Brien & Gere's Asbestos Management Group. Asbestos projects are regulated by OSHA, EPA, and of particular interest to New York facilities, the New York State Department of Labor (DOL). DOL oversees asbestos projects under 12 NYCRR Part 56 and Mr. Shaheen will offer insights regarding Asbestos for design planning and comment on the impact of recent amendments to the Part 56 Regulatory Program.

Anthony P. DeCaprio, Ph.D., DABT is a toxicologist who has particular experience in the assessment of issues relating to human health risks associated with exposure to PCBs. Dr. DeCaprio will provide an update on the latest research on health risks associated with the presence of PCBs in building caulk, a topic that has recently gained national prominence with the finding of high levels of PCBs in caulk used in an elementary school in Westchester County. In particular, Dr. DeCaprio will address the difficulties associated with assessing potential PCB exposure to people working in a building with PCB-containing caulk.

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Program Summary

In New York, Summer is the time for facility projects that often involve building demolition and renovations. During the project design phase, it is important to be alert to the possible presence of two particular hazardous materials – Asbestos and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). These hazardous materials represent a potential environmental health risk, and their management is subject to detailed Federal and State regulations.

The purpose of this 90 minute webinar is to provide an overview of the regulatory programs for Asbestos and PCBs, and identify potential issues that could arise in the design and implementation stages of building demolition and renovation projects.

In this webinar, the following three (3) speakers will address Asbestos and PCB management related to their area of expertise.

BS&K Webinar Speakers

Barry R. Kogut is a graduate of Syracuse University (B.A. 1974, *summa cum laude*) and the University of Virginia Law School (J.D. 1977). He has an extensive environmental practice involving Federal and state regulatory compliance and enforcement matters with a particular emphasis on brownfields development, remediation of sites impacted by petroleum and hazardous wastes/substances, and environmental regulatory issues associated with mergers and acquisitions.

Prior to concentrating his practice in environmental law, Mr. Kogut practiced in the area of construction law, where he addressed a range of construction management issues for owners, contractors and subcontractors. He served as Co-Counsel for the Central New York Chapter of the American Subcontractors Association from 1983-1984.

Mr. Kogut is a member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)'s Environmental Law Section, where he serves as Treasurer and a member of the Section's Executive Committee. He is admitted to practice in Florida, New York and Virginia. Mr. Kogut is listed in The Best Lawyers in America®* and Super Lawyers®** in the area of Environmental Law.

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John A. Shaheen, P.E. is a graduate of Clarkson University (BS. M.E.; 1975 MS. M.E.; 1977). As Managing Engineer at O'Brien & Gere, Mr. Shaheen has lead a group of engineers and scientists in all aspects of asbestos consulting for over 20 years. Areas of expertise include asbestos surveys/management plans, development of design documents for asbestos removal related to renovations and demolition, and construction phase services during remedial construction. He has provided asbestos consulting services throughout the US as well as in Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Projects have included colleges and universities, municipalities, K-12 schools, brownfield sites, healthcare facilities, power generating stations, and other commercial facilities. Mr. Shaheen is a licensed professional engineer and asbestos professional in a number of states including New York, Florida and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He is a contributing author to the textbook "Innovative Engineering Technologies for Hazardous Waste Remediation".

Anthony P. DeCaprio, Ph.D., DABT is a board-certified toxicologist and currently Professor of Environmental Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Prior to this he directed the Exposure Assessment Laboratory at the University at Albany and served as a research scientist with the New York State Department of Health. He has also held positions as a senior scientist with several environmental consulting firms.
Dr. DeCaprio's areas of expertise include human exposure assessment and the toxicology of PCBs, lead, pesticides and organic solvents. He has authored over 50 scientific articles and book chapters and is editor of a recently published book, "Toxicologic Biomarkers."