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Business Guide to Environmental Law addresses business liability regarding Canadian environmental law. It is designed to aid legal counsel as well as senior executives in dealing with legal situations regarding the environment. The topically organized presentation of issues includes environmental issues in real estate transactions, directors' and officers' liabilities, transportation of dangerous goods, extended producer liability, labelling, advertising, patents and trademarks.

What's New in this Update:

This release features updates to some of the legislation in Appendix A. Legislation. Additionally, there is a new appendix, Appendix WP. Words and Phrases.

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Highlights

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES—DEVELOPMENT—A "development" is defined by s. 28(25) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* [R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27], and includes site grading or the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere. *Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority v. Eng* (2021), 2021 CarswellOnt 9002, (Ont. S.C.J.) at para. 4 Boswell J.

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES—GENERAL OPERATION REVENUE—... includes tax revenue and income from other sources, is revenue that the Town controls and directs. *R. v. The Town of Trenton* (2024), 2024 CarswellNS 278 (N.S. Prov. Ct.) at para. 16 Hatt Prov. J.

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES—GROSS REVENUE—Gross revenue is commonly considered to be the total amount of sales recognized for a reporting period, prior to any deductions. It is a reflection, primarily in a corporate or business structure, of the gross amount of realized sales or services provided by the entity. *R. v. The Town of Trenton* (2024), 2024 CarswellNS 278 (N.S. Prov. Ct.) at para. 18 Hatt Prov. J.

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES—IRREPARBLE HARM—At this stage of the RJR MacDonald test, the question is whether any of the Applicants have demonstrated that their interests will likely suffer irreparable harm if a stay is denied and the Approval will remain in effect, pending a final decision from the Board on the merits of appeals. As stated in RJR MacDonald, "irreparable" harm is harm that either cannot be quantified in monetary terms or cannot be cured, and includes a permanent loss of natural resources, an Applicant being put out of business, or an Applicant suffering permanent market loss or irrevocable damage to its business reputation. Nickomekl Enhancement Society v. British Columbia (District Director, Environmental Management Act) (2016), 2016 CarswellBC 1502 (B.C. Environmental App. Bd.) at para. 50 Andison (Chair).

A book that is directed to business people is appropriately dedicated to my parents, Hy Estrin and Goldy Hurtig Estrin, who were business partners for almost 50 years.

I hope that business people, whether in small enterprises such as my parents' or in multi-national corporations, will benefit from this book — and that the environment in turn will benefit from the attention and positive actions of all concerned business people.

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