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# Modernizing the Superfund Cleanup Program: January 18th U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Environment Hearing Scheduled

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The Subcommittee on Environment of the United States House Energy and Commerce Committee has scheduled a hearing addressing the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act or Superfund program.

The hearing is entitled:

Modernizing the Superfund Cleanup Program

The Subcommittee hearing notice references the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") establishment of a Superfund Task Force whose objectives include the following recommendations:

- Improving the cleanup process
- Incentive and expedite remediation
- Encourage private investment in cleanups
- Promote reuse of remediated properties

The hearing will evaluate EPA recommendations and assess other potential improvements.

Scheduled witnesses at the Hearing include:

- Mr. Barry Breen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Land and Emergency Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Mr. Steve Cobb, Chief, Land Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, on behalf of the Association of state and Territorial Solid Waste Management
- Dr. J. Winston Porter, Environmental and Energy Consultant
- Mr. James McKenna, Portland Harbor Policy Analyst, Governor Brown's Natural Resources Office
- Ms. Katherine Probst, Independent Consultant
- Ms. Debbie Mans, Executive Director and Baykeeper, NY/NJ Baykeeper

[A link to information regarding the hearing can be found.](#)