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Regulatory Matters

We assist clients in addressing the full range of Ohio and federal permitting procedures and compliance requirements. We counsel clients on air, water, and solid/hazardous waste compliance and permitting strategies. We negotiate advantageous permit conditions, and appeal disputed permit conditions and requirements. In such engagements, our attorneys work closely with in-house counsel, plant personnel, and engineering consultants to understand our clients' business needs and to develop cost-effective compliance strategies. Our experience in this area includes the processing of air new source and operating permits, Title V permits, NPDES permits, pretreatment permits, and RCRA and other environmental permits for new and existing industrial, commercial, and publicly owned facilities.

Our lawyers also are highly involved in the development of environmental laws and regulations at the local, state, and national levels. We regularly participate in agency advisory groups to shape Ohio regulations and appear before the Ohio General Assembly, Congress, and various government agencies to advise and comment on pending laws and rules. Our attorneys also represent our clients in administrative and judicial proceedings involving regulatory interpretation.

Our engagements in this area include the following matters:

- Representing clients, including foundries, in Title V and PTI appeals and enforcement actions before the Environmental Review and Appeals Commission ("ERAC") and appeals from ERAC decisions
- Representing a client seeking to obtain environmental permits for the construction and operation of a synthetic fuel plant
- Representing a school district concerning environmental contamination related to a partial school collapse
- Key involvement in the adoption of several Ohio water quality related statutes, including the Antidegradation Statute, Permit limits Below Quantification Level Procedure Statute, and the Sewer Line Review Statute

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- Actively participating in numerous major Ohio EPA water quality rule revisions, including representing a large coalition of dischargers in the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative