

## ***THE ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY DIRECTIVE – DOES IT APPLY TO YOUR COMPANY AND HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS?***

### **CBI/TUGHANS SOLICITORS SEMINAR, 22 JUNE AT CORR'S CORNER HOTEL – 3.30 – 6.00 PM**

The Environmental Liability Directive seeks to reinforce the 'polluter pays' principle and has been implemented in Northern Ireland by the Environmental Liability (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations (NI) 2009. **This seminar is to enable businesses to better understand the scope and potential impacts of the Directive and the Regulations.**

The Directive and the Regulations aim to prevent incidents causing significant environmental damage to land and protected habitats and species, or provide for the cleanup of major pollution events. Businesses which have the potential to cause pollution will be covered, and in some cases the new Regulations may impose increased costs, both for implementing preventative measures and for meeting cleanup costs.

Issues to be covered include:

- to whom do the Directive and the NI Regulations apply?
- which types of 'environmental damage' are covered?
- what has to be done to prevent environmental damage?
- What are the cleanup requirements if an incident occurs, and how do these differ from existing regulatory controls?
- Can pressure groups/NGOs use this legislation?
- Are there any defences or appeals, and what are the penalties?
- How much will it cost and what can be done to minimise these costs?

Speakers include **Andrew Ryan, Partner, Environment and Planning Department, Tughans Solicitors, Nick Bennison, Marsh,** and **Karl Beattie, DOE, Environmental Policy**, who will provide views, analysis and comment on the Directive and the Regulations from the perspective of legal advisors, insurers and the NI Environment



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Agency, It is a **must attend event** for businesses operating in sectors which are already required to manage environmental risks and their advisors.

To book a place simply complete the attached booking form and return it to the CBI Belfast office; early booking is advisable as places at this event are limited. If you are not available to attend, feel free to pass this invitation to a colleague(s).