

“Contaminated Land: Practical Implementation of NEMWA Part 8 and GN. R.331 (Norms and Standards)”

Dear IAIA Members and Other Interested Parties

The **IAIA Western Cape Branch**, in association with the **National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)** and the **Environmental Law Association (ELA)** is hosting an event on “Contaminated Land: Practical Implementation of NEMWA Part 8 and GN. R.331”.

On the 2nd May 2014, the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs published National Norms and Standards for the Remediation of Contaminated Land and Soil Quality, under section 7(2)(d) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEM:WA), 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008). Part 8 of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, Act No 59 of 2008, as amended, outlines the process required to take place if the Minister declares an area to be an “investigation area” (area at risk of contamination).

During this event, **Mr. Derrick Makhubele** from the **National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)** will provide an historic background on the management of contaminated land in the country. **Mr. Matjelele Phaladi** from the **National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)** will present on the implementation of Part 8 of the NEM: WA. They will describe the required process in terms of submitting a “site assessment report” on an area identified as an “investigation area” by the Minister and the likely scenarios leading to the Minister issuing a “remediation order”. The DEA will introduce the National Norms and Standards (GN. 331) and their purpose and they will also make themselves available for questions regarding Part 8 of NEM: WA and GN 331.

Soil Scientists, **Dr. Elize Herselman** and **Carl Steyn** from **Golder Associates** will present on the implementation of GN R.331, the Norms and Standards for the Remediation of Contaminated Land & Soil Quality as well as the soil screening levels (SSVs). The talk will be focussed on the importance of soil properties, profile descriptions and baseline assessments in screening for contaminated land. Using this information, specific screening values to the particular site are developed to prove if contamination has taken place and what the risks associated with this contamination are.

Melissa Groenink, an Environmental Attorney at **Cullinan & Associates**, and member of the **Environmental Law Association (ELA)** will present on a background and status quo of legislation governing contamination and remediation in South Africa, how the courts have to date interpreted this legislation, how the courts approach is likely to change in light of Part 8 of NEM: WA, and the liability and legal risks associated with the contaminated land legal regime.

The event programme will be as follows:

15:00pm - 15:05pm	Registration
15:05pm - 15:10pm	Welcome and Introduction – Oliver Stotko – <i>Chairman of the IAIA WC Branch</i>
15:10pm - 16:25pm	Historic Background - Management of Contaminated Land - Derrick Makhubele (DEA)
16:25pm - 17:00pm	Practical Implementation of Part 8 of NEM: WA – Madelene Phaladi (DEA)
17:00pm - 17:30pm	Snacks, Tea / Coffee & Networking
17:30pm - 18:20pm	Norms & Standards for the Remediation of Contaminated Land and Soil Quality – Carl Steyn and Dr Elize Herselman (Golder Associates)
18:20pm - 18:50pm	Legislation Governing Contamination in SA, the Courts Approach & Liability - Melissa Groenink (ELA)
18:50pm - 19:15pm	Questions and Answers for the Panel – <i>all speakers</i>

DATE: Thursday, 9th July 2015; 15:00pm until 19:15pm

VENUE: The Big Bay Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse, Otto du Plessis Drive, Big Bay. See map on the following page.

COST: IAIA & ELA Members: Free; IAIA & ELA Non-members: R75; Special non-member student price: R30

If you are not an IAIA member, the entrance fee **must be paid prior to the event** to the National IAIA Bank Account - Account Name: IAIA, Bank: Standard Bank, Account Number: 072 507 756, Branch: Rosebank 051001.

Please send proof of payment for the event to Lauren Elston (see e-mail below) in order to secure your spot.

RSVP: If you wish to attend, please confirm via email to **Lauren Elston** (lauren@sescs.net) by no later than **Tuesday, 30th June 2015** (for catering purposes). We also request, if you do RSVP, that you please attend, or cancel well in advance, so that we do not over-cater.

LOCATION PHOTOGRAPH - BIG BAY SURF LIFESAVING CLUB:



LOCATION MAP - BIG BAY SURF LIFESAVING CLUB:

