Course Description: This course introduces students to the issues, solutions, approaches, and responses that affect the regulated environmental and energy community in the U.S. The course approaches the relevant factors from the users’ perspective rather than from the policy maker or enforcer’s side. Topics of interest to users include how environmental and energy laws are made, EPA’s compliance enforcement role, the goals of applicable laws and regulations, how the policy system works and how it might be improved, private governance and private-sector consensus management standards, and trends on the horizon for next generation environmental self-governance.

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