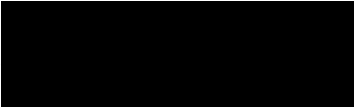


**Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives**

Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1. Your Name: David K. Mears		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes X	No
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	Yes	No X
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing: Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation		
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2011: My department receives many federal grants and contracts. Our major federal grant is from the U.S. EPA under a Performance Partnership Agreement.		
6. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing: 		
7. If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	Yes	No
8. If the answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that were received by the entities listed under the question in item 4 on or after October 1, 2011, that exceed 10 percent of the revenue of the entities in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed: 		
9. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form. Attached.		

Signature: _____



Date: 10/25/13 _____

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EXPERIENCE

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, Montpelier, VT

Commissioner, December 2011 to Present

Direct and manage a department of three hundred staff responsible for conserving Vermont's natural resources and protecting public health and the environment through implementing laws to protect air, water and soil. The department monitors and conducts research on environmental conditions, administers permitting and compliance programs, administers grant and loan programs and provides public education and outreach materials and programs.

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic, South Royalton, VT

Assistant Director/Assistant Professor of Law, June 2005 to August 2007

Director/Associate Professor of Law, September 2007 to Present

Direct legal clinic in which students practice in the areas of environmental and natural resources law with a focus on litigation. Teach Property Law, Environmental Law, and Watershed Protection and Management.

U.S. Fulbright Scholar, August 2010 to Present

Visiting Lecturer, Sun Yat Sen University, Guangzhou, China

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Ecology Division, Olympia, WA

Senior Assistant Attorney General and Division Chief, December 1998 to June 2005

Managed a division of 25 attorneys representing the Department of Ecology, the State Conservation Commission, the Pollution Liability and Insurance Agency, and the Puget Sound Action Team. Ecology Division attorneys provide legal advice on all regulatory matters for these state agencies and also litigate on behalf of the agencies before administrative hearings boards, as well as trial and appellate courts at both the state and federal levels.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Environment and Natural Resources Div., Washington, D.C.

Counselor for State & Local Affairs, January 1998 to December 1998

Served as liaison to state and local governments and worked with Department of Justice attorneys to ensure cooperation and good working relations with states and local governments in environmental litigation.

Trial Attorney, May 1995 to January 1998

Represented the United States in affirmative federal court litigation filed under Superfund, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and other federal environmental statutes.

TEXAS OFFICE OF STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS, Washington, DC

Energy and Environment Policy Director, December 1993 to May 1995

Directed policy development and federal lobbying efforts on behalf of the State of Texas in the areas of environment, agriculture and energy with a focus on issues affecting the U.S./Mexico border.

TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, Austin, TX

Senior Attorney, June 1992 to November 1993

Managed the Commission's water quality practice including the following duties: supervising twelve attorneys; providing legal and policy advice; drafting and reviewing proposed regulations and legislation; and, representing the Commission at high-profile enforcement and permitting hearings.

TEXAS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Environmental Protection Division, Austin, TX
Assistant Attorney General, June 1991 to May 1992
Represented Texas agencies, primarily in enforcement lawsuits, in the areas of water quality, drinking water, water rights, and wildlife protection.

VERMONT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Environmental Unit, Montpelier, VT
Law Clerk, Summer 1990

TEXAS WATER COMMISSION, Water Quality Division, Austin, TX
Enforcement Coordinator, February 1987 to July 1988

Inspected and evaluated the compliance status of municipal and industrial waste water treatment plants and prepared recommendations for penalties and corrective action.

Administrative Technician, September 1985 to February 1987

Implemented a hazardous waste fee program.

EDUCATION

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, VT

Juris Doctor, Summa Cum Laude (Class Rank: 1st of 153), May 1991

Masters of Studies in Environmental Law, Summa Cum Laude, May 1991

- National Environmental Moot Court Competition, Pace University: Member of the 1991 Vermont Law School Team that won Best Overall Team and Best Overall Brief
- Teaching Assistant, Legal Writing I (Fall 1990)

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Science, May 1985 Major: Environmental Technology

- Cornell National Scholar
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, Urban Affairs Laboratory