

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> James McKenna		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> Portland Harbor Superfund Site Policy Analyst		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Office of Governor Kate Brown		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	<b>Yes</b> X	<b>No</b>
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>  The State of Oregon receives routine federal grants related to hazardous substance remediation and Superfund.		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1-16-18

**James McKenna**  
**Portland Harbor Policy Analyst**  
**Office of Oregon Governor Kate Brown**



**Background:**

Started career in the 1980s as an emergency response coordinator for chemical releases and spills, and quickly evolved into project and program management NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and for some of the largest and most complex cleanup sites in California, Oregon and Washington. Currently a Policy Analyst for Oregon Governor Kate Brown, with a focus on mega-Superfund Sites (i.e., Portland Harbor Superfund Site). Mr. McKenna has managed programs with budgets exceeding \$100-million, and has worked directly with or reporting to:

- Municipalities, States, and the Federal Government: For example, cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, Portland, St. Helens, and Seattle; counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Washington, Yamhill and Multnomah; states of California, Oregon, and Washington; the Metro Regional Government; along with the federal government. This includes providing status reports, presentations, and public testimony to city councils, State of Oregon legislators and the Governor, U.S. Representatives and Senators, and House subcommittees.
- State and federal regulatory agencies and departments: For example, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanographic And Atmospheric Science Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, and U.S. Department of Defense, as well as the State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Fish & Wildlife, Oregon Department of Health, and Washington Department of Ecology.
- Tribal Governments: Including the confederated tribes of the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Grand Ronde, Yakama, Siletz, and the Nez Perce.

In addition to the above, Mr. McKenna has provided expert testimony in various lawsuits and private mediations related to environmental liabilities, allocations, and insurance cost recovery. He has managed environmental emergency response, site investigations, and cleanup at numerous industrial facilities (e.g., lead smelters, wood treating sites, military installations and bases, and petroleum-related facilities). This hands-on experience has influenced and helped honed Mr. McKenna's supervisory, managerial, and strategic planning and policy skills.

Managed large, complex technical teams comprising various disciplines, including scientists, lawyers, engineers, and accountants. Mr. McKenna currently reports to Jason Miner, Natural Resource Policy Advisor to Governor Kate Brown. In previous roles Mr. McKenna has reported to Boards of Directors, City Councils, Port Authorities, and state and federal legislators. He has built teams and provided strategic planning and instruction, training, and follow-up assessments, and have evaluated the needs and priorities of organizations to ensure quality implementation of program needs. This included building teams and providing strategic planning and instruction, training, and follow-up assessments. Extensive experience working with and building alliances among varied groups and entities with divergent interest, and developed clear objectives to ensure consensus building and successful project implementation. Due to the nature of the cleanup project or emergency response action the team building and strive for consensus was conducted under extremely stressful situations and under tight time and budgetary constraints.

**Education:**

University of Oregon, 1983. B.S. Environmental Science (physics, geology, and chemistry)

University of Portland, 2007. Master's Certificate (Mark Hatfield School of Government, Executive Leadership Institute for Environmental Studies)

University of Portland, 2010. Course work in Nonprofit Program Management.

## Professional Experience:

Office of Oregon Governor Kate Brown. October 2016 to Present. Natural Resources Policy Analyst for Oregon Governor Kate Brown. The Governor's Natural Resources Office (GNRO) provides policy analysis and advice to the Governor's Office. Mr. McKenna reports directly to the Natural Resources Policy Manager, and works with more than a dozen state natural resource agencies to implement the Governor's natural resource and environmental agenda as it relates to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. The work includes regular meetings with state natural resource agencies to ensure that state policies are consistently applied across agencies. Mr. McKenna also helps facilitate resolution of policy differences between state agencies, federal agencies, Tribal Governments, and between agencies and stakeholders, and to provide direction and coordination for agencies on regulatory, planning and environmental issues that span multiple agencies.

Verdant Solutions, LLC. April 2010 to January 2016. Senior Scientist and Program Manager of an environmental consulting practice, providing senior-level consulting services to private and public entities. Key project is Senior Consultant for the Lower Willamette Group (LWG), which is a group of 14 parties (two public, and 12 private) that are conducting the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site, covering over 11 miles of the Willamette River through the industrial and urban corridor of North Portland. To date the project budget is over \$100-million for the studies, and the actual cleanup of contamination is estimated to be between \$300-million and \$2-billion.

Work directly with senior staff and representatives of the 14 parties, including their legal representatives and consultants. Coordinate the technical work associated with the RI/FS with 4 major consulting firms; assist the LWG Treasurer with project work assignments and cost-control efforts; negotiate on behalf of the LWG with EPA, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and other various Federal and state agencies (e.g., USF&W, NOAA, Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Fish and Game), and six Tribal Governments. To date the RI/FS has incurred costs exceeding \$90-million.

Conducted dozens of site briefings and presentations to the public, regulatory agencies, professional conferences, local, state and federal political leaders (e.g., mayors, state representatives, and US congressional staff).

Port of Portland, Portland Oregon. April 2003 to April 2010. Superfund Program Manager for the Port of Portland. Managed \$70-million investigation and cleanup of Port related sites within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site (NPL listed in December 2000), including insurance cost recovery. Work included:

- Managing 4 internal staff, coordinated with internal legal and engineering staff, and managed numerous outside consultants and legal counsel;
- Reported directly to the Port Directors and Port Commission;
- Project Manager for insurance cost recovery related to environmental liabilities, including final settlement with multiple insurance carriers and numerous policies (some dating back over 80 years).
- Overseeing upland investigations, source control, and cleanup at 7 current or former Port facilities;
- Superfund remedial investigation and feasibility Study (RI/FS) of over 10 miles of sediment in the Lower Willamette River (Portland Harbor);
- Project Manager for injury assessment under the Natural Resource Damages Act;
- Program Manager for an in-water early action at the Port's Terminal 4 (including site investigation, and detail design of a final remedy that includes a Confined Disposal Facility);
- Co-Chair of the Lower Willamette Group (potential responsible parties paying for the in-water RI/FS, including the Port, City of Portland, and 12 private parties). Project requires coordination with EPA, State of Oregon DEQ, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL), six tribes, Army Corps of Engineers, and local community groups. Provided numerous public presentations.

EMCON/McKenna Environmental, LLC. June 1991 to April 2003. Principle Environmental Consultant.

Projects included numerous industrial, commercial, and residential site investigations and cleanups conducted under federal (Superfund), State of Oregon (cleanup rules), and local jurisdictions; insurance cost recovery for small projects (e.g., gas stations) to large projects (e.g., lead smelters); environmental compliance auditing; developing Environmental Management Systems for industrial clients; underground storage tank investigations, removals, and cleanups; stormwater investigations and permitting; groundwater investigations and cleanup. Projects performed under CERCLA, RCRA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Natural Resource Damages Act, OSHA Right-to-Know act (SARA Title III). Manage a staff of 5 scientists.

Managed \$30-million, 6-year RI/FS and cleanup of a former lead smelter in St. Helens, Oregon. This was a complex project including an overseas bankrupt entity (Paul Bergsoe and Sons, Inc. in Denmark), and state and US federal agencies. End result was successful cleanup of the site and redevelopment of the property. Managed dozens of other site investigation and cleanup projects conducted under federal (Superfund), State of Oregon (cleanup rules), State of Washington (MTCA rules), and local jurisdictions; environmental compliance auditing; developing Environmental Management Systems for industrial clients; underground storage tank investigations, removals, and cleanups; stormwater investigations and permitting; groundwater investigations and cleanup.

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. May 1987 to June 1991. Environmental and Emergency Response Coordinator for a NASA facility that included over 800 laboratories and 3,000 research employees. Developed and implemented JPL's first Environmental Management System; conducted compliance auditing; managed the solid and hazardous waste program; managed the air quality program (under South Coast Air Quality Management District); and coordinated the sewer and stormwater permits and compliance. Project Manager for groundwater investigation and cleanup of chlorinated solvent plume, including overseeing design and implementation of well-head protection for City of Pasadena municipal water supply wells.

United Pumping Services. January 1984 to May 1987. Hired as a field technician for emergency response to hazardous chemical releases (e.g., tanker truck roll-overs, industrial plant mishaps), and hazardous waste packaging and transportation. Promoted to Environmental Coordinator, overseeing a staff of over 25; providing OSHA required training to drivers and emergency responders; coordinated directly with local fire and police departments and the California Department of Transportation on numerous highway spills and releases. Conducted hazardous waste identification, packaging, transportation, and disposal for numerous clients including General Dynamics, Northrop, Boeing, US Air Force, and Rocketdyne.