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No Fees Unless We Are Successful

The Polluter Pays for the
Remediation, Not the Rate Payers

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NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC has attorneys who have handled landmark water contamination cases and can help your district recoup money spent on treatment and remediation.

Water contamination has become a widespread problem requiring water districts to continually monitor their water sources in order to treat and remediate for possible water contaminants. These contaminants enter our water supplies through negligent human activities, such as the incorrect use of fertilizers or pesticides, chemical spills or the improper disposal or storage of toxic wastes and chemicals. Polluters need to be held accountable for the pollutants they release into the environment; causing water contamination that results in your remediation efforts.

You already know that a lengthy and costly remediation of contaminated water could cost a water district a substantial amount of money. Your district and your rate payers should not bear the expense of costly remediation. Our office recovers remediation and clean-up costs from polluters, at no cost to the district. We charge solely on a contingency basis and no fees or costs are payable unless we win the case.

Our attorneys have helped water districts, whose residents rely on them for clean and safe water, recover money for water contamination. We will represent clients in any state who have or are dealing with contamination of public water supplies and we can provide a free evaluation for your district.

We look forward to working together with you to fight for your rights.

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CLEAN DRINKING WATER and unadulterated sources from which to draw that water are essential to public health. In recent years, it has become commonplace to hear of contamination of public water supplies as a result of industrial activities including hydraulic fracturing (hydro-fracking) and the run-off and discharge of toxic chemicals from industrial sites. Once a source of drinking water has become tainted by such chemicals it is often too late to completely cure the problem. For this reason, it is incumbent on municipal water suppliers and water districts to take pro-active and immediate actions to be sure that monitoring is in place to immediately identify contamination from any source and that once contamination of the water supply is found, the source of the contamination is identified and remediated and further impact to drinking water supplies is prevented.

Thus, early detection through regular testing and routine inspections of our water sources are critical to ensuring the public's safety. Maximum Contamination Levels ("MCLs") are in place to limit the level of contaminants permitted in our drinking water supply. Unfortunately, however, this safeguard is not always enough to prevent unacceptable levels of contaminants from entering our water supply. When that happens, a water district must implement treatment and remediation plans. If no treatment or remediation plan is successful, a water district may even have to find an alternative water source.

Since at least one half of the U.S. population relies on groundwater as a source of drinking water, groundwater remediation efforts are very important. A lengthy and costly remediation of contaminated water can cause a water district a substantial amount of money. Napoli Shkolnik PLLC has handled landmark water contamination cases and can help you to recoup the money spent on treatment and remediation.

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WATER DISTRICTS / MUNICIPALITIES

**Have you been forced
to take any supply wells
off-line due to
contamination?**

DESPITE EFFORTS made by government legislation and agencies to keep our water resources safe from pollution, they remain susceptible to industrial contamination. For example, even though the Clean Water Act was enacted to upgrade the nation's aging sewer system, many sewer systems are still frequently overwhelmed with sewage, spilling into waterways and polluting them with excrement and industrial chemicals.

A heavy rainstorm can be enough to overwhelm a sewer system and many water treatment plants. Many contaminants that enter our waterways are caused by human activities, such as the incorrect use of fertilizers or pesticides, chemical spills or the improper disposal or storage of toxic wastes and chemicals.

Companies need to be held accountable for the pollutants they release into the environment, causing water contamination that will result in remediation efforts.

If you have had to pay for treatment and remediation and/or your water customers are suffering from adverse health effects related to water contamination, you can speak with our attorneys today to learn more about your legal rights.

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Results Where It Counts

\$60 Million Settlement

Achieved in connection with the MTBE contamination of Municipal Water Supplies in Long Island, New York.

\$2 Million Settlement

Obtained in connection with the MTBE contamination of Municipal Water Supplies in Florida.

\$7 Million Settlement

Obtained in connection with the MTBE contamination of Municipal Water Supplies in Rhode Island.

\$3.6 Million Settlement

Achieved for a Floridian town whose groundwater was contaminated from a chemical manufacturing plant and industrial properties.

\$ 816.45 Million Settlement

For injuries sustained by Firefighters, Police Officers and Construction Workers at Ground Zero from toxic dust.

"... It's not about assigned case numbers, it's about people and communities."

HUNTER J. SHKOLNIK

\$ 24.5 Million Settlement

For injuries sustained by Rescue and Recovery workers at Ground Zero from toxic dust at Fresh Kills Landfill.

\$11 Million Settlement

For a water district serving over 48,000 residents in an action against several industrial entities for contamination.



Your Environmental Team



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About Our Partners

Paul J. Napoli

Mr. Napoli has litigated extensively on behalf of municipal clients for contamination to land and water supplies resulting from petroleum and related chemical spills. He led the team who obtained more than \$50million on behalf of numerous whose drinking water sources contaminated by leaks of petroleum additive. His article, "The Cost of Contamination" was featured in the American Water Works Association Journal issue, What's New in Water and Waste Water (November, 2012).

Louise R. Caro

Ms. Caro focuses on plaintiff's mass tort litigation, concentrating on helping people harmed by exposure to hazardous soil, water and air contaminants. An integral member of the team, she has represented clients harmed by a multitude of environmental pollutants and toxins such as arsenic, lead, and dioxin, in soils and public water supply wells.

Hunter J. Shkolnik

Mr. Shkolnik has appeared on national networks such as NBC and FoxNews to discuss the Water Crises occurring across the country. He is also a sought after speaker on water contamination, Co-Chairing and speaking at several Litigation Conferences focusing on Lead Poisoning. Mr. Shkolnik's legal achievements have been industry and peer recognized by Super Lawyers®. He has been designated to the New York Super Lawyers® list every year since 2006.

Marie Napoli

Ms. Napoli is a driving force behind the push to have Congress create a Victim's Compensation Fund for families affected by contaminated water. This fund could draw from federal and state money to pay for residents' health costs. Marie and the NS legal team recently visited Washington D. C. with families affected by contaminated water so that the families could share their stories with Members of Congress.

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