

Can a State Environmental Law Resurrect a CERCLA Contribution Claim?

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State statutes designed to compel private parties to spend their money to clean up contaminated sites typically mirror the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), which enables the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to force responsible parties to remediate contaminated sites but which also provides parties with a private right of contribution against other responsible parties.

Sometimes a state statute of limitations differs from the CERCLA statute of limitations. Recent cases dealing with New Jersey law as it intersects with federal law have started to address this and related issues. [Click here to read the full article.](#)