

From Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments to site exploration (environmental or geotechnical), through site remediation and case closure, project owners are faced with a maze of ever increasing and complex regulatory permitting and compliance requirements (see <http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/>). For example Phase 1 ESA's are now regulated by the US EPA which requires that for desired legal protections (innocent landowner defense to CERCLA liability) Phase 1 ESA's be conducted in compliance with the All Appropriate Inquiries (AAI) Final Rule at 40 CFR Part 312. The AAI Final Rule provides that the ASTM E1527-05 standard is consistent with the requirements of the final rule, and may be used to comply with the provisions of the rule.

As described in our hazardous materials management section, wastes generated from exploration and remediation of contaminated sites is highly regulated. On the State and local level there are countless laws, regulations, rules and policies that must be complied with to keep a project in compliance. Projects that are out of compliance can result in regulatory enforcement actions and substantial fines.

Because of their many years of experience, our senior technical personnel at Environmental Geology Services, Inc. are able to negotiate the maze of the regulatory jungle to keep our Clients' projects in compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

This another value of using an experienced firm who's senior staff and principals are **directly involved in all projects.**