Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar GRAD592

Fall 2018 Theme:

Topics in Colorado Water Law

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Wagar Room 132

Water Quality Law

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Biography:

Martha E. Rudolph is the Director of Environmental Programs for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, where she oversees the Air Quality, Environmental Health and Sustainability, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management, and Water Quality Divisions.

Rudolph is a member and past President of the Environmental Council of States. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Environmental Research Institute of the States and is a co-chair of the ECOS Shale Gas Caucus. She is a member of the Earth and Life Studies Division for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Rudolph is also the State Advisor for the Georgetown Climate Center and a member of the American College of Environmental Lawyers.



Abstract:

Protecting and improving the quality of our rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs is critical for preserving and enhancing the many beneficial uses of our waters, including public water supplies, domestic, agricultural, industrial and recreational uses, and the protection and propagation of wildlife and aquatic life. Colorado is an arid state, where demands on our water supplies are increasing, at times causing tension between demands for water use and water quality. This class will provide a background on our water quality laws, recent actions by the federal government that affect water quality, and how Colorado is managing its water to both protect its quality while addressing increasing demands on its use.



