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Water Quality and Contamination

In response to a burgeoning water quality crisis across New York State, the Senate and Assembly Health and Environmental Conservation Committees convened public hearings during the fall of 2016. The goal of these hearings was to provide an opportunity for legislators and the public to hear from state officials, experts, residents and others to gain an understanding of the problems as well as oversight responsibilities at the local, state and federal level with respect to water quality and contamination. These hearings provided a foundation upon which to begin building a framework for legislation and policies to ensure more appropriate responses to current and future water contamination occurrences.