

# **The Devil is in the Details (or Lack Thereof): A Costly Lesson in Allocating Environmental Responsibility in Contracts**

A court recently ordered the seller of a car wash property in New Jersey to fully remediate previously undiscovered environmental contamination at the property in accordance with its contractual obligations, according to **a post** in the Riker Danzig Environmental Law Blog.

Jaan M. Hause explains in the post that “the seller could have more carefully crafted the language of the rider to limit its remediation obligations. Unfortunately for seller, the language in the rider obligating seller to remediate was extremely broad, and thus exposed seller to additional, costly liabilities that it did not intend to assume.”

**Read the article.**