



Environmental Law Research

The Basics

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
Environmental Quality Improvement Act
Environmental Education Act
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The main objective of each of these federal enactments was to assure that the environment be protected against both public and private actions that failed to take into account costs or harms inflicted on the eco-system.

The EPA was supposed to monitor and analyze the environment, conduct research, and work closely with state and local governments to devise pollution control policies. Described as one of Congress's most far reaching environmental legislation ever passed; the basic purpose of the NEPA is to force governmental agencies to consider the effects on the environment of their decisions.

State laws also reflect the same concerns and common law actions in nuisance allow adversely affected property owners to seek a judicial remedy for environmental harms.

Resources- Following is a selected list of resources available from the Rinn Law Library.

Looseleaf Reporters- Designed to provide comprehensive coverage of federal environmental law topics.

KF3775.A6B86 Environmental Reporter (BNA)

KF3775.A6E58 Environmental Law Reporter (ELI)
Updated through 2002

KFI1554. E582 Environmental law in Illinois
(Ill. Inst. for Continuing Legal Education, c2001)

Treatises – Provide detailed analysis and references to cases.



- KF3812.R62 Environmental Law
William Rodgers (West Pub. 1986).
- KF5698.M25 Environmental Regulation of Land Use
Linda Malone (CBC 1990- present).
- KF 3775.B83 Understanding environmental administration
and law—Susan J. Buck (Island Press 1996).
- KF3775.A75E557 Environmental law /
Ed. Michael Blumm (New York University Press, 1992).
- KF3775.M347 Environmental law and enforcement /
Gregor I. McGregor (Lewis Publishers, 1994).

Handbooks/Manuals

- KF3775 .E58 Environmental Law Handbook
(Government Institutes 2001).
- KF3775.Z9 F56 2004 Environmental law in Nutshell 6th ed.
Roger W. Findley, Daniel A. Farber
(Thomson/West, c2004)
- KF3775 .E53 Environmental law Manual
(ABA -1992)
- KFI1554 .I441995 Illinois environmental law handbook
(Government Institutes, 1995)

Directories/Dictionaries

- Ref. TD169.5 .D571995 Dir. of Environmental Information Sources 5th ed.
Government Institutes, 1995