

LAWS You HAVE TO KNOW Explained

Law	Major Function
CERCLA	Superfund; emergency response and cleanup of hazardous substances that have been improperly disposed of. Example: Love Canal
Kyoto Protocol	International Agreement to reduce greenhouse gases. Signed by many countries, but not the US. Signed by some states and cities in the US
Marine Mammal Protection Act	Federal responsibility to protect marine mammals
Source Water Assessment Program	ID sources of our drinking water and assess susceptibility to contamination
Taylor Grazing Act	Grazing permit required to use federal land
Food Quality Protection Act	Protects children in reference to pesticides on food
Lacey Act	Restore birds in certain areas of the US
Land & Water Conservation Act	Fund that helps states and federal agencies meet future outdoor recreational needs
Safe Drinking Water Act	Sets standards for drinking water
National Trails Act	Establishes national system of trails
Wilderness Act	Keep wilderness areas wilderness-ey
Ocean dumping ban act	Prohibited dumping waste & sewage into the ocean
Endangered Species Act (ESA)	Conserve organisms in their habitats
Fishery Conservation & Management Act	Established 200 mile zone off coast not open to foreign fisherman
Clean Water Act	Sets standards for water quality & maintenance -regulates discharge of pollutants -EPA implements pollution control program
CITIES	International agreement that regulates trade in wild animals and plants
Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act	All pesticides must be registered
Oil Spill Prevention Act	Sets EPA's role in dealing with oil spill
Low Level Radioactivity Act	States are responsible for their own low level radioactive waste
Montreal Protocol	International policy dealing with the hole in the ozone. Agreement to reduce CFC's

Soil Erosion Act	Establishes US soil conservation service which protects the US's soil
TOSCA	EPA tracks industrial chemicals produced and imported in the US
Federal Hazardous Substances Act	Hazardous household products need cautionary labels
Nuclear Waste Policy Act	What do we with nuclear waste? Yucca Mountain
Noise Control Act	Promote environment free from noise that jeopardizes health
Forest Reserve Act	The president can set aside forests
Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (HAZMAT)	Governs transportation of hazardous waste
Clean Air Act	Sets standards for air pollution (industrial, cars, residential, etc)
Price Anderson Indemnity Act	Sets up insurance fund for people who are hurt by nuclear disasters
National Park Service Act	Sets up national park service
General Mining Act	Governs prospecting & mining for economic minerals of federal public lands
Energy Tax Act	The country needs to move toward a more sustainable sources of energy
RCRA	Regulates waste from cradle to grave
Federal Aid Highways Act	Authorized construction of interstate highways
Yellowstone National Park Act	Preserve watershed of Yellowstone River The first time the government preserved public lands for public enjoyment
Water Resource Development Act	Establishes and maintains dams
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, & Rodenticide Control Act	Regulated the manufacture and use of pesticides (they must be registered and have directions for use and disposal)
Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention & Control Act	Take measures to prevent aquatic invasive species
Federal Water Pollution Control Act	Reduce pollution of interstate water and improve surface and ground water
Water Quality Act	Establishes water quality standards