

Lecture 2. Environmental Policy

Definition

Environmental policy is primarily concerned with how to govern the relationship between humans and the natural environment in a mutually beneficial manner. Traditionally, it has been defined in terms of the problems it addressed, such as controlling pollution and waste flows and limiting habitat loss.

What is an example of an environmental policy?

It is a policy to seek continual improvement throughout business operations to lessen the impact on the local and global environment by conserving energy, water and other natural resources, reducing waste generation, recycling and reducing the use of toxic materials.

What is the main function of environmental policy?

The main function of environmental policy is to, through government action, minimize the environmental impact of businesses and society.

What should an environmental policy include?

An environmental policy addresses how a company manages and monitors its impact on the environment – both in its own operations and those of its supply chain. There is no set format but typically such policies cover use of energy and water, prevention of pollution, waste and recycling, and use of chemicals.

What are the three environmental policies?

In the 1970s, the United States government enacted three major environmental laws:

- ❖ The Clean Air Act
- ❖ the Clean Water Act
- ❖ the Toxic Substances Control Act

What are the types of environmental policy?

Environmental policy can include laws and policies addressing water and air pollution, chemical and oil spills, smog, drinking water quality, land conservation and management, and wildlife protection, such as the protection of endangered species.

What are the local and environmental issues?

Environmental issues are the harmful effects of human activities on the environment. These include pollution, overpopulation, waste disposal, climate change, global warming, the greenhouse effect, etc.

What are the ways to control water pollution?

- ❖ Dispose of Toxic Chemicals Properly
- ❖ Shop with Water Pollution in Mind
- ❖ Do Not Pour Fat and Grease Down the Drain
- ❖ Use Phosphate-Free Detergent and Dish Cleaner
- ❖ Check Your Sump Pump or Cellar Drain
- ❖ Dispose of Medical Waste Properly
- ❖ Eat More Organic Food

What are the 8 ways that we can stop water pollution?

- ❖ Use fewer chemicals to clean your home
- ❖ Dispose of waste properly
- ❖ Don't flush medication
- ❖ Don't flush trash
- ❖ Conserve as much water as possible
- ❖ Avoid using plastic
- ❖ Don't use pesticides and herbicides
- ❖ Replace concrete with ground cover

What are air pollution controls?

Air pollution control refer to steps taken to maintain a standard of purity of air:

- ❖ For good public health
- ❖ For protection of plant and animal life, and property
- ❖ For safe ground and air transportation

How are toxic and hazardous chemicals defined in the law?

In accordance with RA 6969 (“Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990.”), chemicals that pose threat to human health and the environment are regulated in terms of import, manufacture, sale, use, distribution, and disposal. These regulated chemicals include the following: mercury, cyanide, asbestos, ozone depleting substances and polychlorinated biphenyls and lead.