

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW Summer 2010

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Course Description

The Environmental Law course will focus on providing practical experience in dealing with environmental problems, with an emphasis on regulatory programs under federal environmental protection statutes. We will pay attention to issues of human health and environmental justice as well as to the protection of ecosystem functions and diverse forms of life. Some important goals of the course will be to gain expertise in finding and using relevant legal materials, including statutory provisions, regulations and agency guidance documents, and to examine the strategic use of legal tools in working to provide safe and healthy surroundings.

Textbooks and Other Course Materials

Percival, Schroeder, Miller & Leape, *Environmental Regulation: Law, Science, and Policy*, 6th edition (Aspen Publishers 2009), ISBN: 978-0-7355-8462-4, together with online textbook supplement, available at: www.law.umaryland.edu/environment/casebook

Anderson & Hirsch, *Environmental Law Practice: Problems and Exercises for Skills Development*, Third Edition (Carolina Academic Press 2010, forthcoming), ISBN: 978-1-59460-813-1. This book is scheduled to be available at the beginning of June. Until the book is available in hard copy, I will post copies of the assigned readings as .pdf files on the course website (in TWEN).

Other supplementary materials will be posted on TWEN.

Knowledge of the relevant statutes is important for this course, and you will need to bring a copy of relevant statutory provisions to class. Most students will find it helpful to purchase a single-volume statutory compilation. (Any recent edition will serve the purpose). For example: *Selected Environmental Law Statutes* (West Publishing Co.) (2009 edition, ISBN 978-0-314191434); or Percival, et al., *Environmental Regulation: Statutory Supplement and Guide to Internet Resources* (Aspen Publishing). The statutes that we will study are also available online, and web links will be posted in TWEN.

Updates and Additional Information in TWEN

Please sign up for the course on the Westlaw TWEN website. Changes to the syllabus, supplementary course materials, items for discussion, and e-mail announcements will be provided through TWEN.

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Wed. 6/2

1. Problems of Environmental Degradation

Environmental Regulation: Law, Science & Policy ("Textbook") pp. 1-24;
Problem Exercise, pp. 53-60