



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1 APRIL 2020

Recognizing the specific need of the people of Celestria for an effective and progressive response to the urgent threat of climate change on the basis of the best available scientific knowledge,

Desiring to establish a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between human and human environment,

Desiring to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of humankind,

Acknowledging the profound impact of human activity on the interrelations of all components of the natural environment, particularly the profound influences of population growth, high-density urbanization, industrial expansion, resource exploitation, and new expanding technological advances,

Recognizing further the critical importance of restoring and maintaining environmental quality to the overall welfare and development of man.

Article I Definitions

Human environment is not limited to those which are subject to Celestria's national jurisdiction, and for greater certainty, human environment includes the outer space environment.

Environmental Impact Assessment means the process used to predict the environmental consequences (positive or negative) of a plan, policy, program or project prior to moving forward with the proposed action.

Article II Scope of Application

This Act mandates all governmental agencies to use all practicable means and measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to foster and promote the general welfare,

to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Celestians.

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Article III Environmental Impact Assessment

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Article IV Due Process

495 This Act does not apply retroactively. It shall guide future actions of governmental agencies, particularly when authorizing new activities.

Article V Agency Decision Making

500 Agencies must take full account of environmental impact assessments as per Article III when determining whether the planned activity may proceed. A decision to authorize the planned activity under the jurisdiction of the agency shall only be made when, taking into account mitigation or management measures, the agency has determined that it has made all reasonable efforts to ensure that the activity can be conducted in a manner consistent with the prevention of threats of severe or irreversible damage on the human environment.

505 When it comes to making decisions that involve multiple agencies, a coordinated approach to decision-making shall be employed.

In line with Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, lack of full scientific certainty shall not prevent an agency from implementing preventive measures against environmental degradation.

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Article VI Forms of Agency Decision

Each decision rendered by an agency pursuant to this Act must be documented in written form and made available to the public in a timely manner.

Article VII Right to Appeal

515 Affected parties to an agency's decision have the right to appeal the decision in accordance with Celestria Administrative Law.

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