

FRAMEWORK CONCEPTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND REGULATION

I. Sources of Regulation

- a. International
- b. Federal
- c. State
- d. County
- e. Municipal

II. Levels of Regulation

- a. Common law
 - i. Tort – Trespass, Nuisance, Public Nuisance
 - ii. Negligence
- b. Statutory – federal and state laws, county and local ordinances
- c. Regulatory -
 - i. Agency
 - ii. Regulations
 - iii. Guidance
 - iv. Executive Orders

III. Environmental Statutes

- a. Emission controls (air, water, waste)

- b. Resource protection (Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act)
- c. Information and Process Requirements (National Environmental Policy Act, Toxic Substances Control Act)

IV. Tools for Implementation

- a. Permits
- b. Administrative and judicial enforcement actions
- c. Self-reporting obligations
- d. Release reporting
- e. Lawsuits by private parties (including citizen suits)