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)