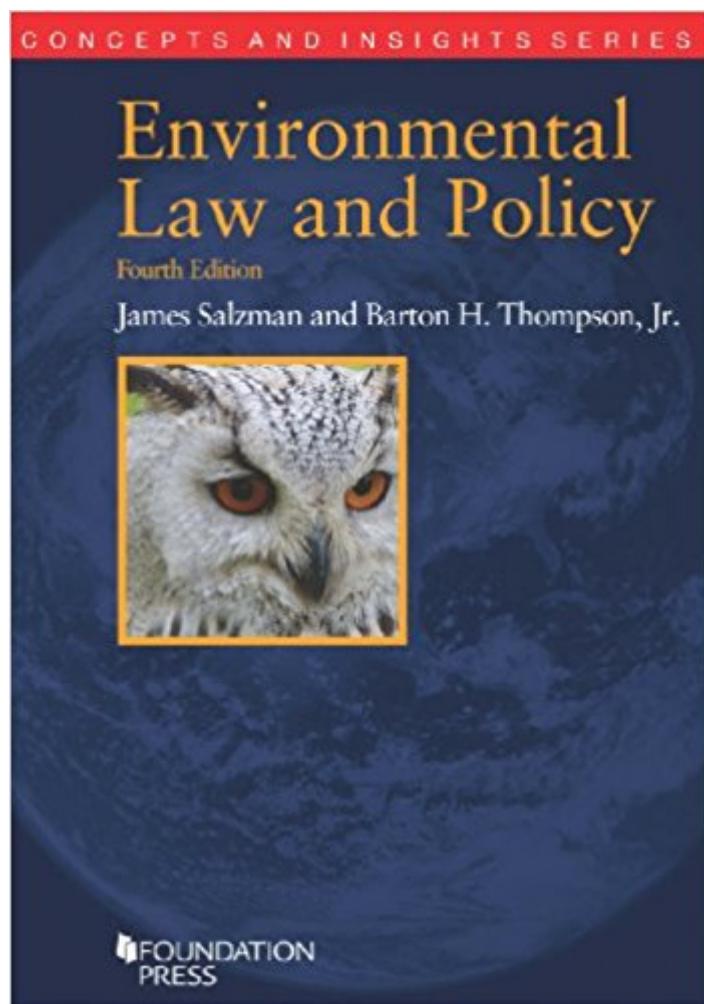


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# Environmental Law And Policy (Concepts And Insights)



## Synopsis

Environmental Law and Policy is a user-friendly, concise, inexpensive treatment of environmental law. Written to be read pleasurable rather than used as a dry reference source, the authors provide a broad conceptual overview of environmental law while also explaining the major statutes and cases. The book is intended for three audiences - students (both graduate and undergraduate) seeking a readable study guide for their environmental law and policy courses; professors who do not use casebooks (relying on their own materials or case studies) but want an integrating text for their courses or want to include conceptual materials on the major legal issues; and practicing lawyers and environmental professionals who want a concise, readable overview of the field. For the fourth edition, to provide students a deeper understanding of how environmental law works in practice, a new Chapter has been written on Enforcement. A series of problem exercises have been added throughout the book, describing a legal or policy conflict in detail and asking students to identify and assess solutions. The first part of the book provides an engaging discussion of the major themes and issues that cross-cut environmental law. Starting with the first chapter's brief history of environmentalism in America, the second chapter goes on to explore the importance and implications of basic themes that occur in virtually all environmental conflicts, including scientific uncertainty, market failures, problems of scale, public choice theory, etc. It then presents three dominant perspectives in the field that drive policy development - environmental rights, utilitarianism, and environmental justice. Chapter Three fills in the remaining legal background for understanding environmental protection, reviewing the theory of instrument choice, the basics of administrative law, core concepts in constitutional law (e.g., takings, the commerce clause), and the doctrines associated with how citizen groups shape environmental law (such as standing). Chapter Four examines the practice and policy of monitoring compliance and enforcing the law. The second part of the book examines the substance of environmental law, with separate sections on each of the major statutes. International issues such as ozone depletion and climate change are also addressed. These chapters build on the themes and conceptual framework laid down in the first part of the text in order to integrate the discussion of individual statutes into a broad portrait of the law. The third part of the book describes natural resources law, discussing endangered species conservation, wetlands protection, water and energy issues. Part four addresses environmental impact statements and the National Environmental Policy Act.

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I have used this book in all four of its editions so far. It is adaptable to be part of an undergraduate business law/legal environment class, or upper level course in Environmental Law and Ethics, or an MBA or law school course where the goal is to show the foundations of environmental law and policy, the basic structure of the main laws and regulations built on them, and the evolving case law and policy questions. A useful teacher's manual and end of chapter questions make it work well in a variety of settings. I have most recently used it as a reference tool and foundation for a senior college course largely participated in by retirees involved in local environmental groups and land trusts here in Maine. If you have an interest, I would also recommend "Environmental Law Stories" which devotes chapters to specific historical classic cases, and the parties and interests involved in each. Also recommend <http://yalebooks.com/book.asp?isbn=9780300173246> The Snail Darter and the Dam, which is the subject of one chapter in "Environmental Law Stories" and a classic case discussed in this book. I expect with the current Congressional efforts to defund the EPA and undermine the new Clean Water Rule, and pending litigation on that rule and EPA efforts to address climate change under the Clean Air Act, in the face of Congressional inability to face reality on this subject, that a fifth edition of this book will be forthcoming soon, and need to be updated almost immediately. But if you are, for example, active in local or national environmental groups of any sort, and / or are the kind of person worried that 'too much regulation is bad for business' without taking into account, for example, how much of our way of life depends on availability of clean air and water (and our health), and are willing to at least consider that the skeptics on Fox News may not be

entirely honest, but want some clarity, and are willing to make the effort to read something professional, impartial, and careful, this book might be worth it for you. Give it a shot.

Got this book for a class, now I want the whole Concepts and Insights series! The book is VERY well written, and anyone who teaches environmental law classes should recommend this book as, if not a main course book, a supplemental one.

This text was part of assigned reading for an Environmental Law class, we did readings on our own that allowed for proper absorption of the information from this book. I learned about environmental issues and goes over in part the U.S history of Environmental laws and policies. I was also very please this book was not overly dense and still remained informative. I recommend this for anyone exploring learning more about environmental law and policies of course. This might serve to inform more people of their own rights afford to them in their living space.

It's ok if you are looking for a general overview. It doesn't have specifics. Some big cases are summarized tho which was nice. Would probably recommend if you would like to get an idea of the content before starting the semester.

Good book

Well-written, informative, and builds upon itself nicely. The Kindle version can't "go to" pages, but this is at no fault to the book. Best part, it's helped me earn an A in my environmental law course and retain the knowledge.

Easy to read and understand text

Very good

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