

## Major Environmental Policy Eras

	Public Health	Resource Conservation	Industrial Regulation	Civil Regulation
<b>2500 BCE</b>	Earliest hygiene laws and municipal sewers	Greek forest protection and wood use laws	Burning bans improve London's air quality	
<b>350 BCE</b>				
<b>1000 CE</b>				
<b>1300s</b>	Strict hygiene laws to control Black Plague	Forest and game preservation laws in Europe and North America		
<b>1600s</b>	Paris builds Europe's first city sewer system			
<b>1830-1899</b>	Widespread adoption of city sewer systems	"End of the American frontier" inspires the Conservation and Parks Movements	US and British industrial pollution laws	Nature-focused civil associations first form
<b>1900-1945</b>	International health organization formed (joins with World Health Organization in 1948)	Federal species-specific regulation and habitat protection laws	US-Canadian pollution agreement	
<b>1946-1955</b>	National Institute of Health established	First global treaties to protect species and the environment	Federal pollution laws expand, strengthen California imposes car emissions standards	First <i>International Geophysical Year</i>
<b>1956-1960</b>				<u>Silent Spring</u>
<b>1961-1965</b>				
<b>1966-1970</b>		Federal Wilderness Preservation efforts <i>UN Biosphere Conference</i>	International Clean Air Congress in London EPA established	First <i>Earth Day</i>
<b>1971-1979</b>	US Safe Drinking Water Act	World Heritage and wetland protection treaties CITES Treaty US Endangered Species Act	Federal laws on toxic waste transportation and disposal International ocean pollution treaty International treaty to limit acid rain	UNEP formed at the <i>Stockholm Conference</i> First bottle recycling bill <u>Limits of Growth</u> First ecolabels awarded
<b>1980-1991</b>		<u>World Conservation Strategy</u> International treaty on the Law of the Sea International Tropical Timber Agreement	Superfund cleanup law <u>The Global 2000 Report to the President</u> International treaties on ozone and toxic waste International climate change meetings	<u>UN World Charter for Nature</u> Community Right to Know laws
<b>1992-2003</b>		Convention on Biological Diversity Supreme Court rules that habitat alteration can be regulated	<u>Agenda 21</u> International treaty on climate change Kyoto Protocol	<i>Rio Earth Summit</i> Large-scale, voluntary environmental and social responsibility systems emerge

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