

Major Environmental Policy Eras

	Public Health	Resource Conservation	Industrial Regulation	Civil Regulation
2500 BCE	Babylonian and Israeli cities enforce strict hygiene laws Mojen Daro culture (India) invents under-ground sewage system			
350 BCE		At Aristotle's urging, several Greek city-states protect forests and regulate wood use		
1000 CE		Many European feudal states restrict hunting of wild game to nobles		
1300s	The Bubonic Plague decimates Europe; cities begin enforcing strict hygiene laws	German and French Forest laws attempt to protect valuable timber supplies	England limits coal burning to preserve London air quality	
1600s	Paris builds Europe's first large-scale sewage system	France strengthens its Forest Codes Pennsylvania settlers required to preserve 1 in 5 forested acres		
1700s	Citizens petition to move tannery waste from Philadelphia's commercial district	Early closure of the heath hen hunting season in New York		
1800-1820	First modern sewer built in London	US Navy Secretary authorized to reserve timber lands Massachusetts bans hunting of two threatened species		
1830-1849	The UK Public Health Act is passed after cholera kills 62,000	Arkansas Hot Springs becomes the first national reservation US Department of the Interior is established		
1850-1885	New York city rules all homes must be connected to sewers Chicago develops the first comprehensive US city sewer system	US Geological Survey is formed US Division of Forestry established (becomes US Forest Service in 1905)	UK Alkali Act enacted to reduce pollution by the chemical industry First US municipal air pollution control laws	The <i>American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals</i> is founded <i>American Forests</i> is founded

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1885-1899		US Census declares the "end of the American frontier" Yosemite, Sequoia and General Grant National Parks established		<i>Sierra Club</i> founded <i>Massachusetts Audubon Society</i> founded
1900-1915	First international health organization is established in Paris (merged with World Health Organization in 1948)	US Lacey Act regulates interstate wild game traffic First US National Bird Preserve is named on Pelican Island, Florida	US-Canada pollution agreement negotiated between t US and UK	<i>Smoke Prevention Association of America</i> founded
1916-1925		US National Park Service is established Migratory Bird Treaty signed with Canada	US Oil Pollution Act prohibits near-shore discharges	<i>National Parks Association</i> founded
1926-1945	US National Institute of Health established	US Civilian Conservation Corps formed, dissolved within a decade		<i>Wilderness Society</i> founded <i>National Wildlife Federation</i> founded
1946-1955		International Whaling Convention signed First UN Conference on the Environment	US Federal Water Pollution Control Act US Air Pollution Control Act	<i>Defenders of Wildlife</i> founded <i>The Nature Conservancy</i> founded
1956-1960		Antarctic Treaty established wildlife and scientific preserve UN Conference on the Law of the Sea generates series of related treaties	US Water Pollution Control Act California imposes first car emissions standards US Clean Water Act	First <i>International Geophysical Year</i>
1961-1965		US National Wilderness Preservation System established	International Clean Air Congress held in London US Clean Air Act funds research and cleanups US Water Quality Act US Solid Waste Disposal Act	<i>World Wildlife Fund</i> founded <u>Silent Spring</u>

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1966-1970	US Endangered Species Preservation / Conservation Acts US Wild and Scenic Rivers Act UN Biosphere Conference	US Air Quality Act funds pollution control planning US National Environmental Policy Act US Clean Air Act	<i>Environmental Defense Fund</i> founded <i>Club of Rome</i> founded <i>Friends of the Earth</i> founded <i>Natural Resources Defense Council</i> founded First <i>Earth Day</i>
1971-1972	Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is signed US Coastal Zone Management Act US Marine Mammal Protection Act World Heritage Convention signed	US Federal Water Pollution Control Act US Ocean Dumping Act US Toxic Substances Control Act	<i>Greenpeace</i> founded UN Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm UN Environment Program established First bottle recycling bill passes in Oregon <u>Limits of Growth</u>
1973-1975	US Safe Drinking Water Act CITES Treaty signed US Endangered Species Act	International Treaty to Prevent Pollution from Ships signed US Hazardous Waste Transportation Act	<i>Worldwatch Institute</i> founded
1976-1979	US Federal Land Policy Management Act US National Forest Management Act US Soil and Water Conservation Act Endangered American Wilderness Act	EPA given authority to regulate leaded gas US Resource Conservation and Recovery Act US National Energy Act Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution Treaty signed	<i>Green Belt Movement</i> founded in Kenya First <i>Blue Angel</i> eco-labels are awarded
1980-1982	<u>World Conservation Strategy</u> guides many developing nation conservation plans US Endangered Species Act amended	US Superfund Act directs the EPA to clean up toxic waste <u>The Global 2000 Report to the President</u>	<i>Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste</i> founded <u>UN World Charter for Nature</u> <i>World Resources Institute</i> founded

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1983-1987	<p>UN Convention on the Law of the Sea signed</p> <p>International Tropical Timber Agreement signed</p>	<p>Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer</p> <p>US-Canada Agreement on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes</p> <p>Montreal Protocol on ozone-depleting chemicals</p>	<p>UN World Population Conference in Mexico</p> <p>US Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act</p>
1988	<p>UNEP convenes Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Biological Diversity</p>	<p>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change established</p> <p>World Conference on the Changing Atmosphere in Toronto</p>	
1989-1991	<p>UN Antarctica treaty prohibits mining, limits pollution and protects animal species</p>	<p>Basel Convention regulates hazardous waste transport</p> <p>London Protocols tighten ozone controls</p> <p>US Clean Air Act amendments restrict power plant emissions</p> <p>US-Canada Agreement on Air Quality</p>	<p>Nigeria's <i>Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People</i> founded</p>
1992	<p>The Statement of Principles on Forests, and Convention on Biological Diversity are opened for signature at the Rio Earth Summit</p>	<p>Agenda 21 and the Framework Convention on Climate Change are opened for signature at the Rio Earth Summit</p>	
1993-1997	<p>The Convention on Biological Diversity enters into force</p> <p>US Supreme Court rules habitat alteration can be regulated</p> <p>Moratorium on further Endangered Species Act listings</p>	<p>US Moratorium on toxic waste incineration</p> <p>Kyoto Protocol signed by 122 nations (but not ratified by Congress)</p>	<p><i>Forest Stewardship Council</i> founded</p>
2000-2001		<p>Bush administration rejects Kyoto Protocol</p>	<p>World Commission on Dams</p>