

# Legal regulation of wastewater disposal

## Abstract

The thesis focuses on the legal regulation of wastewater as one of the main sources of pollution and threats to water quality. The subject of the thesis is an analysis of national legislation with a focus on the definition of the term wastewater, its management and legal ways of its disposal. An essential part of the work is the background of international legislation and in particular the requirements of EU legislation, which have a major impact on the national legal framework in the field of wastewater and which have undergone significant changes in connection with the recent adoption of the new Directive on urban wastewater treatment. The structure of the thesis follows a systematic transition from a general concept of water protection to a more detailed regulation of wastewater – first at international and EU level and then at national level. Scientific methods of *analysis*, *synthesis*, *deduction* and *specification* were used in the elaboration of the topic. The aim of the thesis is to evaluate the current domestic legislation on wastewater in terms of its sufficiency and effectiveness.

This thesis is divided into three chapters. In the first chapter, after an initial definition of the topic, the reasons for the necessity of legal protection of water and the objectives to be achieved in this area are presented. To provide context, the chapter also discusses, in general terms, the sub-objects of water protection, namely protection of quantity and quality.

The second chapter focuses on the supranational legal framework, firstly on the regulations arising from the Czech Republic's membership in international organisations and bilateral and multilateral treaties, and then on the legislation of the European Union. Particular attention is paid to the requirements for water protection under the Water Framework Directive and their interrelation with the stricter requirements of the new Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive.

The focus of the thesis is the third chapter, divided into two subchapters. The first subchapter deals with the definition of the key concept of wastewater and the obligations associated with its treatment. It then discusses the legal regimes of the statutory methods of disposal. The second subchapter focuses on the legal instruments used in the field of wastewater pollution, which together form the legal framework for the protection of water from this source of pollution.

**Key words:** wastewater disposal, water protection, legal regulation