

Institutional Protection of Environment in the Czech Republic - Summary

As the title of our thesis implicates this work deals with the subject of environment protection in the Czech republic and the institutions taking part in this activity. For the purpose of our work we define institution as a public agency that does not necessarily decide about rights and obligations but is financed from the public budgets and is established by a law or an act of state authority.

Our thesis consists of two main parts out of which the first part describes the whole system of environmental institutions in the Czech republic and the second one is focused on the most important and effective (at least from our point of view) Czech institution that is the Czech Inspection of Environment.

In the first part we mention the role of the Czech Parliament, then most of the authorities of the executive power and quite a substantial space we dedicated to the role of the judiciary especially the administrative and constitutional courts. Some of the court decisions from the area of environment protection we found very interesting and therefore we used them in our work.

As we pointed out above the second part describes the Czech Inspection of Environment (Inspection) from its organizational structure and legal basis of its activity to some of the findings and conclusions that came out of its everyday practice. For this purpose we studied the annual reports of the Inspection since the year 1999 to 2007 because for us this was the only official source of information about the Inspection's activity and problems it encounters while executing its legal powers.

In the final part we highlight the most serious problems that exist in the the institutional protection of environment in the Czech republic that we discovered during our preparation and writing and try to formulate some possibilities how to improve the current situation.

We hope that everybody who reads this work will find it interesting and broadening their knowledge.