

Legal instruments of the protection of water quality - Abstract

The purpose of my thesis is to analyse a system of legal instruments of protection of quality ground and surface water. The reason for my research is fact that quality of water has an impact not only on every human being but also on the whole planet Earth because there is no life without it.

The thesis is composed of six parts – introduction, four main chapters and conclusion, each of them dealing with different aspects of water protection. Short introduction outlines total amount of water and main problems lie with the actual amount of fresh water and quality of this water.

Chapter One defines major sources of pollution which are point, non-point and emergency sources of pollution. The next two parts of this chapter contain actual state of quality both surface and ground water in Czech Republic.

Chapter Two concentrate on relevant international, European and Czech legislation in water protection. The chapter consists of three parts. Part One focuses on international law which is based on bilateral and multilateral treaties. Part Two investigates the European Union water law with focusing on primary and secondary sources of law. Part Three looks at Czech water law.

Chapter Three is subdivided into two parts and provides an outline of main aims set down by EU and Czech legislation with main focus on directive 2000/60/EC of the European parliament and of the Council establishing framework for community action in the field of water policy.

Chapter Four concentrates on the most crucial part of this thesis. It presents system of legal instruments in Czech environmental law. After general definition of each instruments of the water protection it highlights those which are designated for

protection of water quality. Legal instruments of protection of water quality are subdivided into nine parts. Part One describes informative instruments and their importance in the whole system. Part Two describes policy instruments which consist of landscape planning and water planning. Part three explains basic rights and obligations. Part four contains main administrative instruments including permit approval and opinion as the main instruments. Part five classifies sources of pollution and thoroughly examines waste waters, harmful substances and legal regime of emergency. Part six explores increased protection of some ground water and specific areas connected with waters. Part seven and eight deals with economic and sanction instruments. Finally, part nine shortly introduces institutional instruments.

Conclusions are drawn in last Chapter which highlights main advantages and disadvantages of water law legislation.

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