

Resumé

Thesis: Some aspects of legal regulations of waste management in Czechoslovakia – 1945 – 1992

This thesis deals with some aspects of legal regulations of waste management in Czechoslovakia in years 1945 – 1992. Legal regulations of waste management are introduced in wider framework of the environmental law. The development of this legal branch is mentioned in the researched years.

The thesis describes some legal regulations of waste management and public administration – institutional securing of the branch relating to the environment – especially in the branch of waste management sector. Some aspects of legal regulation of waste management are described, technical or technological aspects are referred only demonstratively and in urgent need. This thesis is especially focused on the legal regulations of waste recovery (so-called collectable raw material or scrap metal) and also waste disposal (incineration and especially landfilling).

A short comparison with contemporary legal regulations is given on appropriate sites (e.g. competence of the Czech Environmental Inspection).

For this thesis relevant examples of real state of waste management are mentioned (in certain cases also in other branch closely relating to waste, also regulated by environmental law – e.g. waste-water treatment). The situation is supported by selected documents - accessible in the funds of the State District Archives Prague – East and Prague City Archives.

A short comparison with legal regulations of waste management in some socialist and some capitalist states and also with international legal regulations in incriminated period is given.

Presence of some care of the branch of the environment and presence of some legal regulations of the environment in Czechoslovakia in years 1945 - 1989 are claimed (and documented by the rules of law and selected examples from the funds mentioned above) in the last of the thesis. But legal regulations of waste management were totally insufficient, fragmental and considerably changeable depending on the time. Rather the waste recovery (collecting of secondary raw material) was emphasized. Appropriate attention except for some waste streams (e.g. radioactive waste) to the waste disposal wasn't paid. Year 1989 is a significant shift in the development of the area of environment, because

of the establishment of the ministry of the environment and year 1991 is important in the branch of waste management, when the first act on waste (Act Nr. 238/1991 Coll., on waste) was adopted.

The delay of the evolution of legal regulations of waste management in Czechoslovakia (approximately 15 years) conclusively results compared with the legal regulations of waste management in some socialist and some capitalist states and also with the international legal regulations.