

# **The Czech Environmental Inspectorate**

## **Abstract**

This Master's thesis describes and analyses the Czech Environmental Inspectorate, a specialized supervisory authority that oversees compliance with legal regulations and administrative decisions rendered by the public administrative authorities in the area of the protection of the environment.

The partial aim of this thesis is to introduce the Czech Environmental Inspectorate and to highlight its irreplaceable role at environmental protection in the Czech Republic. The main aim of this thesis is to describe and analyze the supervision activity of this authority and its follow-up measures, which are assigned to this authority by the legal regulation, and to highlight the changes brought by two fundamental legislative changes, namely the adoption of Act No. 255/2012 Coll., on administrative control (Control Code) and Act No. 250/2016 Coll., on administrative offenses, that influenced this authority.

This thesis consists of four main chapters. The first and second chapters of this thesis are the introductory chapters. The first chapter highlights the current importance of environmental protection and specifies the role of administrative supervision as an essential tool to protect the environment. The second chapter presents the basic historical context of the establishment of the Czech Environmental Inspectorate, enlists the relevant legislation and its constitutional foundations, describes the organizational structure of this authority and finally deals with all areas of competence that have been assigned to this authority over the years. The third chapter deals firstly with the concept of administrative supervision and analyses its two phases, then it focuses on practical aspects of inspections carried out by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate, especially pointing out recent changes of legislation and practical problems of particular legal provisions. Finally this chapter describes corrective measures and sanctions that the Czech Environmental Inspectorate can impose on supervised entities. The fourth chapter of the thesis describes other activities performed by the Czech Environmental Inspectorate that cannot be classified as supervision.

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