

Abstract

This thesis discusses the issue of liability for environmental damages, which includes (i) public-law liability (in Czech legal framework described as “environmental injury”) and (ii) private-law liability. The Act on Environmental Damage transposed the Directive on Environmental Liability (the “Directive”), the aim of which is prevention and remedy of environmental damage. The Act on Environmental Damage is legally binding from August 17, 2008, as *lex specialis* to the Act on Environment and other Acts on respective environmental components. Although the Act on Environmental Damage is based on the public-law approach, the private-law liability remains unaffected. According to the Act on Environmental Damage, the strict liability is imposed on operators of certain high-risk occupational activities and these operators are obliged to implement preventive and remedial measures and bear associated costs. Furthermore, the operators must provide relevant information on the request of competent public authorities.