

Environmental Law Seminar - Information Disclosure Class

Reading Assignment

1. Read pages 187-199, 201, 203-206, 209-227; (Skip article and note on page 200, section IIA3 (state information disclosure laws); and IIC (planning laws));
2. Browse the Technical and Economic Development Document and the Health Services Industry Detailed Study: Dental Amalgams which support the proposed Dental Effluent Guidelines, accessible at:
<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/wastetech/guide/dental/index.cfm>

Questions to Consider for Class

1. What role does information collection and disclosure play in command and control laws? Market-based laws?
2. What are the rationales for information disclosure laws? How do they work, and what are their benefits (for the public, businesses, and government)?
3. What are some of the limitations on the effectiveness of information disclosure laws? Why might they not achieve their goals in some cases?
4. Do information disclosure laws advance or frustrate environmental justice?