

## **ES 6 Environmental Law Midterm Study Guide**

1. What are Articles I-III of the Constitution and why is it important to understand these Articles when studying environmental law? Examples.
2. What is the Commerce Clause and why is it important in environmental law? Examples.
3. Name and briefly describe some important federal agencies that enforce environmental regulations. Examples.
4. Describe federal administrative agency powers. How are these powers exercised? Examples.
5. Describe how the three branches of government limit federal agency powers. Provide examples.
6. What is NEPA? What are the three primary features of NEPA?
7. What is an EA? What is a FONSI?
8. What are three threshold considerations that must be met for an EIS to be required? Examples.
9. Briefly describe the EIS process.
10. What is CEQA? Describe two differences between CEQA and NEPA.
11. What are Criteria Pollutants? Name and briefly describe the sources of your three favorite Criteria Pollutants.
12. What are NAAQS? Who determines them? How often are they updated? Examples.
13. What are SIPs? How soon must SIPs provide for attainment of NAAQS?. Examples.
14. What are nonattainment areas? Describe the purpose of establishing nonattainment areas. What are the consequences of nonattainment?
15. What is the goal of AB 32? Summarize the main requirements. What agency implements this law?
16. Describe the differences between point and nonpoint sources of water pollution.
17. What were the original goals of the CWA?

18. Name and briefly describe four major provisions of the Clean Water Act.
19. What is a POTW? Some local examples?
20. What is the permit system that was set up under the CWA? What does it regulate and how?
21. What is the purpose of the SDWA? What is subject to regulation? How is it implemented?
22. What are MCLs and MCLGs? What is the difference? Why is there a difference?