

## Environment Protection Agency Act of Liberia.

*An Act to establish a monitoring, coordinating and supervisory authority for sustainable management of the environment in partnership with regulated Ministries and organizations and in close and responsive relationship with the people of Liberia; and to provide high quality information and advice on the state of the environment and for matters connected therewith.*

This Act provides for the establishment of the Environment Protection Agency, the National Environment Policy Council, the Environmental Court of Appeals, the Environmental Administrative Court and the Environment Protection Fund, for the designation of Environmental Inspectors and other matters relative to administration in the field of environment, for environment impact assessment and monitoring and for environmental enforcement orders.

The Act consists of 58 sections divided into 7 Parts.

The Environment Protection Agency is established under section 4 as a body corporate. The Agency shall be a policy-coordinating body with specific functions as set out in section 6. The National Environment Policy Council shall be the supreme policy-making body in the field of environment in Liberia (sect. 7). The Agency shall be governed by a Board of Directors, the functions of which are set out in section 13, considering the gender perspective. The Agency shall establish a County Environment Committee and appoint a County Environment Officer for each county (sects. 24 and 25). District Environment Committees shall be established under section 26 and District Environmental Officers appointed under section 27. Sections 30 and 31 provide for environmental planning. Section 32 to 44 provide for enforcement and control including Environmental Restoration Orders, Environment Easement Orders, monitoring, and auditing of environmental effects.