



Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 24

1 General purpose of section 2 and definitions

- (1) The purpose of section 2 is to enable provision to be made for or in connection with—
- implementing Council Directive [96/61/EC](#) concerning integrated pollution prevention and control;
 - regulating, otherwise than in pursuance of that Directive, activities which are capable of causing any environmental pollution;
 - otherwise preventing or controlling emissions capable of causing any such pollution.
- (2) In this Act—
- “activities” means activities of any nature, whether—
- industrial or commercial or other activities, or
 - carried on on particular premises or otherwise,
- and includes (with or without other activities) the depositing, keeping or disposal of any substance;
- “environmental pollution” means pollution of the air, water or land which may give rise to any harm; and for the purposes of this definition (but without prejudice to its generality)—
- “pollution” includes pollution caused by noise, heat or vibrations or any other kind of release of energy, and
 - “air” includes air within buildings and air within other natural or man-made structures above or below ground.
- (3) In the definition of “environmental pollution” in subsection (2), “harm” means—
- harm to the health of human beings or other living organisms;
 - harm to the quality of the environment, including—
 - harm to the quality of the environment taken as a whole,
 - harm to the quality of the air, water or land, and
 - other impairment of, or interference with, the ecological systems of which any living organisms form part;
 - offence to the senses of human beings;

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- (d) damage to property; or
- (e) impairment of, or interference with, amenities or other legitimate uses of the environment (expressions used in this paragraph having the same meaning as in Council Directive [96/61/EC](#)).