

Table 1.1 Selected EPA Environmental Laws

Name	Acronym	Date	Purpose
Clean Air Act	CAA	1970	Implements regulations that control and abate air emissions from stationary and mobile sources
Clean Water Act	CWA	1972	Regulates discharge of pollutants to surface waters.
Safe Drinking Water Act	SDWA	1974	Establishes standards for contaminants in drinking water; regulates discharges to underground injection wells, sole source aquifers, and public drinking water systems.
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund)	CERCLA	1980	Cleanup of hazardous waste sites and definition of requirements for response to hazardous waste spills.
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	RCRA	1976	Identification and regulation of hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal.
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act	FIFRA	1948	Requires registration and testing of pesticides; regulates their sale, distribution, and use.
Toxic Substances Control Act	TSCA	1976	Requires testing and reporting of chemicals prior to manufacturing, distribution, and use; restricts the use of chemicals that pose a threat to human health and the environment.
Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act	EPCRA	1986	Requires companies to report inventories of hazardous chemicals and toxic releases; requires state and local governments to develop plans for responding to emergency releases.