

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REPORTS

Below is a description of the current status of the Annual Environmental Quality Reports:

The Council on Environmental Quality published the Environmental Quality Reports, often referred to as the CEQ annual reports, each year from 1970 through 1997. Annual reports published for 1993-1997 are available at <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/reports/reports.htm>. The years 1994 and 1995 were covered in a combined 25th anniversary report.

In 1995 Congress passed the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act (Public Law 104-66) aimed at reducing paperwork in government, in part through the elimination of a list of reports identified in House Document No. 103-7. The Council on Environmental Quality's Environmental Quality Report was listed on page 41 of the House Document. The 1997 Environmental Quality Report was the last Environmental Quality Report.

The Environmental Quality Report is referred to in section 201 of the National Environmental Policy Act:

The President shall transmit to the Congress annually beginning July 1, 1970, an Environmental Quality Report (hereinafter referred to as the "report") which shall set forth (1) the status and condition of the major natural, manmade, or altered environmental classes of the Nation, including, but not limited to, the air, the aquatic, including marine, estuarine, and fresh water, and the terrestrial environment, including, but not limited to, the forest, dryland, wetland, range, urban, suburban and rural environment; (2) current and foreseeable trends in the quality, management and utilization of such environments and the effects of those trends on the social, economic, and other requirements of the Nation; (3) the adequacy of available natural resources for fulfilling human and economic requirements of the Nation in the light of expected population pressures; (4) a review of the programs and activities (including regulatory activities) of the Federal Government, the State and local governments, and nongovernmental entities or individuals with particular reference to their effect on the environment and on the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources; and (5) a program for remedying the deficiencies of existing programs and activities, together with recommendations for legislation.

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