Air Pollution Control Act Encyclopedia Article

Air Pollution Control Act

The following sections of this BookRags Literature Study Guide is offprint from Gale's For Students Series: Presenting Analysis, Context, and Criticism on Commonly Studied Works: Introduction, Author Biography, Plot Summary, Characters, Themes, Style, Historical Context, Critical Overview, Criticism and Critical Essays, Media Adaptations, Topics for Further Study, Compare & Contrast, What Do I Read Next?, For Further Study, and Sources.

(c)1998-2002; (c)2002 by Gale. Gale is an imprint of The Gale Group, Inc., a division of Thomson Learning, Inc. Gale and Design and Thomson Learning are trademarks used herein under license.

The following sections, if they exist, are offprint from Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction: "Social Concerns", "Thematic Overview", "Techniques", "Literary Precedents", "Key Questions", "Related Titles", "Adaptations", "Related Web Sites". (c)1994-2005, by Walton Beacham.

The following sections, if they exist, are offprint from Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults: "About the Author", "Overview", "Setting", "Literary Qualities", "Social Sensitivity", "Topics for Discussion", "Ideas for Reports and Papers". (c)1994-2005, by Walton Beacham.

All other sections in this Literature Study Guide are owned and copyrighted by BookRags, Inc.



Contents

Air Pollution Control Act Encyclopedia Article.....1

Contents.....2

Air Pollution Control Act.....3

Air Pollution Control Act

The Air Pollution Control Act (APCA) of 1955 was the first legislation on air pollution enacted by the U.S. federal government. It resulted after a number of failed attempts, initiated by California's representatives, in the Senate or Congress. Air pollution had long been regarded as a local problem, and the federal government was hesitant to interfere with states' rights. As a result, APCA was rather narrow in scope and effect.

According to the law, the Public Health Service was authorized to spend $3 million per year for five years to research the effects of air pollution and provide technical assistance, research, and training in the area of air pollution to state and local air-quality districts. No money was appropriated for the control of this problem.

APCA was amended in 1960 and then again in 1962, with requests to the Surgeon General to conduct research on the relationship between motor vehicle exhaust and human health.

Internet Resource

American Meterological Society Web site. Available from http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS.