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The implementation of legislative policy through administrative agencies

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The most useful, efficient strategies and resources for environmental law research

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A detailed reading of the Clean Air Act and an exploration of the major statutory provisions

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LAW
How existing laws may address climate change and how new, more comprehensive laws may be fashioned

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The reasons for, techniques of, and results from energy efficiency measures around the U.S.

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Key issues in American energy policy, and ways to ease the strains that the policy puts upon environmental sustainability

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The legal, economic, and structural issues involved in both energy regulation and energy markets, focusing on electricity

ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
Liability, diligence, and drafting issues in complex environmental business transactions

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Alternative dispute resolution processes for resolving complex, multiparty environmental disputes

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How market-based tools to protect the environment work, their basic assumptions, and the challenges they face during implementation

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The theory and practice of enforcement of the federal pollution control laws

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The foundations of environmental reasoning: intrinsic value theory, biocentrism, ecofeminism, deep ecology, and spirituality

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Discrimination and justice concerns about the benefits and burdens of environmental protection and natural resource management

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The challenges to developing and implementing strong environmental governance systems in the developing world

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The law pertaining to environmental issues such as population, economic growth, energy, and pollution

EXTINCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
The ecological, social, and ethical consequences of climate change and various legal and policy options to address it

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An introduction to the breadth of policies and legal authorities included in the Farm Bill

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An overview of the Farm Bill and other laws that affect growing policy, animal husbandry, and food production

FOOD REGULATION AND POLICY
Current policies regarding food regulation and how to effectively advocate for policy changes

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