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Without policy there’s no action. There has to be a plan with a purpose in order to make change happen. When it comes to the environment, policy tends to develop after disaster strikes. It’s hard to imagine the possible consequences of the environment simply being tossed aside until issues arise. Prevention and early action is what’s going to make a lasting impact. The government and the policies it creates are the driving force behind carrying out environment laws and regulations that make large dents conserving the earth.

The Consumer Protection Safety Act protects consumers of any kind from buying products with hazardous materials in them that could hurt or even kill them. This Act is responsible for establishing product safety standards, and also to ban hazardous products. This way consumers can rest assured that what they are buying is safe. It helps protect the environment by not allowing hazardous materials into items purchased that could later pollute the environment as waste. This act stops pollutants from being including in products so that both the health of people and the environment is improved.

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is important because it established a petroleum reserve in order to meet energy demands. It also allows the president to tap into reserves and says how and when he can. This protects petroleum from being uncontrollable and used without watch. It creates a way for petroleum to be conserved but also used for what it is needed for. This helps the environment by promoting greener mining methods as well as fuel efficacy. More energy would be wasted and coal would be mined to replace it. More energy would be wasted and coal would be mined to replace it. The EPCA puts regulations on automobile and mining companies that otherwise could have consequential effects of the environment.

The Soil Conservation Act is important because its conserves soil so it can be sustainable and not erode. Soil erosion is a threat to national welfare. This act helps preserve agriculture and works with farmers on conservation methods. Without the conservation of soil our food supply wouldn’t be able to support our growing nation. If soil wasn’t protected farm fields could be taken over by industry and continue to decrease agriculture and open land in the United States. By conserving agriculture, more sustainable ecosystems can be developed and protected.

The Noise Control Act improves the standards on noise pollution and promotes solutions to it. These regulations improve the health and welfare of Americans by enforcing noise reduction standards. With all the factories and construction on earth, there needs to be separation from loud machinery noise and humans. This makes the environment a happier noise free place that is safe. The earth becomes better, cleaner, and more pollution free with unwanted noise under controlled regulations.

The Pollution Prevention Act protects the environment, reducing risks to worker health and safety by reducing raw material, pollution control, and liability costs. It addresses source reduction, and how that is the first step in preventing pollution. This act takes on multi-media management of pollution, something that wasn’t included ever before. This is key because every year the U.S. spends billions of dollars trying to control the pollution it creates. An act such as this takes on the issue of pollution as a whole and finds where to start. When steps are taken and people become aware of problems thousands of dollars can be saved in preventing pollution from happening in the first place. This helps environment tremendously because pollution is being managed and controlled on a large scale that has big effects.

Every environmental government act or policy has the power to change the way pollution is treated and handled. That is huge and an effective way to improve how the environment is being treated and considered in various areas. Enforcement is key for success. The only way to really change the way pollution is handled is by law and punishment for violation. All of these policies are important too human health, the economy, and the environment. It’s important to have policy like this so that we as a nation can progress in conserving our earth and reducing pollution to the bare minimum.