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Thoreau and the Clean Air Act

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I wonder what Thoreau would think about the Clean Air Act?

“▶ *“Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify.” —Henry David Thoreau*

▶ *“Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity.”—Henry David Thoreau*

▶ *“I do believe in simplicity. [...] When the mathematician would solve a difficult problem, he first frees the equation of all incumbrances, and reduces it to its simplest terms. So simplify the problem of life, distinguish the necessary and the real. Probe the earth to see where your main roots run.” —Henry David Thoreau*

▶ *“A lady once offered me a mat, but as I had no room to spare within the house, nor time to spare within or without to shake it, I declined it.” —Henry David Thoreau*

▶ *“Simplicity is the law of nature for men as well as for flowers.”—Henry David Thoreau”*

Time to transform the SIP process. We can make it happen.

Comments on the Clean Air Act

- “I hate that each sector has 17 to 20 rules that govern each piece of equipment and you’ve got to be a neuroscientist to figure it out”. –Gina McCarthy, U.S. EPA Administrator

- “The Clean Air Act is a lengthy and complex federal law” –Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- “The federal Clean Air Act (CAA) alone has been referred to as the most complicated statute in history. The statutory complexity is compounded by the thousands of pages of federal regulations and the overlapping statutes and regulations adopted by each individual state.” –Erich Brich writing for the American Bar Association
- “The Clean Air Act – one of the most complex and extensive pieces of federal environmental legislation.” –Center on Congress—Indiana University
- “The Clean Air Act is complicated and contentious”. –Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
- “The Clean Air Act (CAA) is a comprehensive and complex piece of environmental legislation”. – NASDA
- “The statute and its regulatory offshoots are very complicated.” –U.S. Department of Justice

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