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INTEGRATED POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL: A CRITICAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVE ON ALL-INCLUSIVE INTEGRATION

Abstract

The concept of Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) within the European Union is based on the idea that the environment should be seen and protected as a whole. Such a holistic approach lies at the heart of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IE Directive). Multiple limitations to IPPC can be identified in this directive as a consequence of choices made in its regulatory design, whose main pillars consist of an integrated approach, the use of best available techniques, flexibility, inspections and public participation. We argue that it has to be carefully considered whether moving towards an all-inclusive integration in the IE Directive is useful and necessary, as this may lead to arbitrary permit granting, hinder judicial control, and, as a consequence, reduce legal certainty. In our lecture, we also address the IE Directive 2.0, which entered into force on 4 August 2024, that aims to guide large European industries towards meeting the EU's zero pollution ambition by 2050.

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