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Environmental Law—Sick Unto Death With That Long Agony?

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Over recent decades, it seems as though—with a sweep of a pen and an executive order—the environmental law pendulum makes its arc. At times, it is held at the height of an opposite point before being released on a reverse path, causing stakeholders to scamper and avoid being hit by the swinging pendulum. It seems unlikely that the pendulum will ever be subject to enough force to hold it at a high arc forever; the "Earth" is simply too huge, and forces will effect change. The fundamental question is whether any positive improvement in the environment can be made while the legal equivalent of a plum-bob swings wildly from one arc through the middle to the height of an opposite arc.

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