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Readings

The required text is **M. J. G. Cantor, Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy in Canada**. Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2009. It is available at the bookstore and at the library-
<http://go.utlib.ca/cat/6997649> (print)

Additional reference texts are:

Boyd, Unnatural Law, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.
<http://go.utlib.ca/cat/4999429> (print), <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/9091509> (ebook)

Benedickson, Essentials of Canadian Law, Toronto: Lexipol, 2010.

Lecture 3 – September 18

You'd think there would be a law! There is, but how does it work?

- Evolution of environmental law
- A quick survey of environmental law in Ontario
- Problems with the current system

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Lecture 7 – October 16

Who gets a say ? Consultation, accommodation and consent.

- Access to information
- Public participation
- Aboriginal consultation and accommodation

• Impact of globalism

- Voluntarism and “red tape”
- International law

Lecture 9 – November 6

The times they are changing - New ethics, new

• **due for those making a presentation. Student presentations. (25%)**

Lecture 10 – November 13

The future - Can we change our trajectory?

- Politics
- Community organization and law reform

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