



Czech Environmental Inspectorate

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- Established in 1991 by the Act No. 282/1991 Coll. on the Czech Environmental Inspectorate and its competence in forest protection



- CEI supervises compliance with environmental legislation and with binding decisions of administrative authorities in the field of the environment
- The Director of CEI is appointed by the Minister of the Environment
- The CEI is divided into 10 territorial inspectorates, two branch offices and headquarters

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Overview of CEI work

- Supervises compliance with environmental protection legislation
- Carries out inspections - checks
- Imposes measures to correct identified deficiencies
- Imposes sanctions for non-compliance with environmental laws
- Controls the trade and handling of endangered species of animals, plants and products from them (confiscates illegally acquired species and objects)
- Supervises the issue of chemical safety (dangerous chemical substances and mixtures) and product safety
- Restricts or halts operations if they are significant threat to the environment

Overview of CEI work

- Participates in solving historic environmental burdens
- Solves the initiatives of citizens and legal entities
- Provides information based on requests in the sense of applicable laws
- Informs the public as well as the media and state administration bodies about environmental data obtained during inspection activities
- Prepares position statements for other state administration bodies
- Participates in solving environmental accidents
- Cooperates with the inspection authorities of the countries of the European Union and the network of inspection authorities of the EU (so-called IMPEL)

Fields of the CEI activities

- Air Protection
- Waste Management
- Water Protection
- Nature protection
- Forest Protection
- Chemical safety
- Integrated pollution prevention and control (IPPC)
- Genetically modified organism (GMO)
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Prevention of ecological damage



Overview of competences of environmental protection departments

CEI Competence		Professional departments of environmental protection					
		Air	Water	Waste	Integrated prevention	Nature	Forest
Supervision	Inspections, reviews, checks, investigations, etc.	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Fines to legal entities	•	•	•	•	•	•
Penalties	Fines to natural persons	•		•	•	•	
	Restriction or halt of activity, operation	•		•	•	•	•
Measures	Measures to remedy identified shortcomings as well as serious conditions according to the Waters Act	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Seizing and confiscation of illegal specimens of endangered animal or plants					•	
	Seizing of illegally held individuals, sampling	•			•	•	
Accident records	And cooperation in solving them	•	•				
Statements	Positions statements, statements, approvals for other organs	•	•	•	•	•	•
Suggestions	Handling of suggestions	•	•	•	•	•	•

Communication with the public

- CEI website (www.cizp.cz/en)
 - Basic instructions in which cases public can contact CEI
 - Essential information for filing remedies against the decision of the CEI and submitting initiatives, petitions and complaints
 - Frequently asked questions and answers
 - Annual Reports
- Green line (toll-free number; 800 011 011) 
 - The number is primarily used for receiving citizens suggestions, handling citizens queries regarding environmental issues and providing informations about the CEI's legal powers

CEI and the public

- Suggestions, complaints and petitions are important elements of the CEI communication with the public
- The public often calls attention to violations of the law which otherwise could remain hidden
- Suggestions and petitions are a starting point for the CEI's further steps (external inspection work). If the CEI investigation finds grounds to initiate an official proceeding, then it initiates a penalty proceeding or a proceeding on remedial measures
- Another important part of handling of suggestions is increasing of public legal awareness in the area of the environment protections
- Some suggestions and petitions are forwarded to the other public authorities in factual or local jurisdiction for the investigation

Number of suggestions

Number of received suggestions in 2017–2021 by TI and headquarters

Territorial inspectorate	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Prague	597	704	943	656	563
České Budějovice	223	209	216	204	213
Pízeň	235	232	232	260	226
Ústí nad Labem	265	367	337	276	270
Hradec Králové	266	299	328	336	284
Havlíčkův Brod	233	236	279	224	256
Brno	322	331	381	374	359
Olomouc	136	153	167	144	150
Ostrava	300	274	325	281	284
Liberec	159	158	162	163	196
Headquarters	45	81	123	54	52
Total	2,781	3,044	3,493	2,972	2,853

Inspection Report

- Inspection reports are not publicly available, short IPPC reports are provided
- Inspection Reports are available only upon request under information laws



Appeal from decision of CEI

- Appeal against the decision of the CEI is handled by Ministry of Environment (Regional Departments of State Administration; the second instance in administrative procedure)
- MoE can by its decision
 - confirm decision of the CEI
 - change decision of the CEI
 - cancel decision of the CEI without substitution
 - cancel decision of the CEI and return case to a new hearing



CEI activities in 2021

- 396 inspectors of CEI
- carried out 11 231 inspections
- imposed 1 673 fines in total amount of 79 387 735 CZK
- imposed 55 halting or restriction of operations, a facility or part of it
- imposed 88 remedial measures
- prepared 742 EIA statements (Act no. 100/2001 Coll.)

Thank you for your attention

