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Regulates the Environmental Base Law

CHAPTER II

Evaluation and Environmental Impact Study

Article 3

Evaluation of the environmental impact

1. The plans, projects, works and actions that, by their nature, dimension or location are susceptible of causing significant incidences in the environment, the territory and the quality of life of the citizens are subject to a prior process of “Evaluation of the Environmental Impact”, designated hereinafter as AIA, as an essential formality for licensing the project or work.
2. The AIA looks after the direct and indirect effects of the projects on the following factors:
 - a) Man, fauna and flora;
 - b) Soil, sub-soil;
 - c) Water, air and light;
 - d) Climate, landscape and pollution;
 - e) Material assets, natural, cultural and built patrimony,;
 - f) Interaction of the factors referred to in the preceding subparagraphs.