

Business Ethics: Outline 12

Chapter 23: "Business's Environmental Responsibility"

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For what have businesses been held responsible?

Responsibility

The Liability Model & Problems

Responsibility

Individual Persons

Fair Compensation

The Regulation and Prevention Model

Laws Protecting the Environment

For what kinds of harm are we responsible?

Kantian/Aristotelian

Utilitarian

Social Contract

Regan's 'Experiencing Subjects'

Taylor's 'Biocentric Individualism'

Sterba's 'Biocentric Pluralism'

The Principle of Basic Need

Practical Implications

How should businesses act?

3 Levels of Responsibility & Associated Problems

1: Human Beings

2: Ecosystems and Species

3: Individual Plants and Animals

Businesses Affected and Actions to be Taken on 3 Levels

Economic Impact

The Neoclassical Model

The Sustainability Model

The Future of Business