

# Historical Milestones

## Environment Administration

- **1967** Established the Pollution Section of the Ministry of Health and Society

## Ministry of Environment (Before Government Restructuring)

- **1980. 1** Established the Environment Administration (EA)
- **1980. 9** Established the Korea Resources Recovery and Reutilization Corporation (KRRRC)
- **1986.10** Set up six environmental branch offices
- **1987. 3** Established the Environmental Management Corporation (EMC)

## Ministry of Environment (After Government Restructuring)

- **1990. 1** Established the Ministry of Environment
- **1991. 5** Set up the Central Environmental Disputes Coordination Commission (CEDCC)
- **1994. 5** Increased the scope of water management (became responsible for water supply and sewerage, drinking water, and water quality inspections)

- **1994.12** Given greater authority with its functions and manpower increased
- **1998. 2** Transferred national park management from the Ministry of Home Affairs to Ministry of Environment
- **1999. 5** Reorganized the Hangang Environmental Management Office into Hangang River Basin Environmental Management Office
- **2000. 7** Established the Sudokwon Landfill Site Management Corporation
- **2002. 8** Set up River Basin Environmental Offices for the four major rivers
- **2005. 1** Reorganized the Gyeongin Regional Environmental Office into Metropolitan Air Quality Management Office
- **2006. 2** Newly established the National Institute of Environmental Human Resources Development
- **2007. 2** Newly established the National Institute of Biological Resources
- **2008. 2** Korea Meteorological Administration became a subsidiary
- **2009. 4** Established the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI)
- **2010. 1** Established the Korea Environment Corporation (KECO)
- **2010. 7** Newly established the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR)
- **2012. 7** Expanded and reorganized the Jeonju Regional Environmental Office into Saemangeum Regional Environmental Office
- **2012. 12** Ministry of Environment relocated to Sejong-si.
- **2013. 9** Newly established the National Institute of Chemical Safety
- **2013.10** Established the National Institute of Ecology