



Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio 1969

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## Earth Day April 22, 1970

- Senator Gaylord Nelson, Wisconsin
- approximately 20 million participants
- united many grassroots organizations and civil rights organizations
- Demand **BROADER** environmental protections

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## Nixon and the Environment

- The DOCUMERICA Project - Why Nixon created the EPA
- The 1970s "must be the years when America pays its debts to the past by reclaiming the purity of its air, its water, and our living environment" (Nixon).
- Legislation
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Clean Air Act
  - Endangered Species Act
- President Gerald Ford created the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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## Three Mile Island



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Love Canal Declared Clean, Ending Toxic Horror - NY Times 2004

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## Exit Card

Write your name on the top right hand corner  
Explain how the new environmental movement was different from the conservation movement? Give three specific examples to support your argument.

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