

Effects of Ownership and Financial Status on Corporate Environmental Performance

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Abstract: This paper analyzes the effects of ownership structure on corporate environmental performance and examines the link between financial performance to environmental performance in a transition economy. In particular, it analyzes these ownership effects and this performance link using an unbalanced panel of Czech firms for the years 1993 to 1998. It considers state ownership and various types of private ownership, while contrasting concentrated and diffuse forms of private ownership. Additionally, it examines whether or not successful financial performance begets or undermines good environmental performance.

Abstrakt: Tento článek analyzuje vliv vlastnické struktury na podnikové emise a zkoumá vztah mezi finanční situací podniku a ochranou životního prostředí v transformační ekonomice. Analýza využívá nebalancovaný panel českých podniků z let 1993-98, na kterém se odhaduje významnost vztahu mezi vlastnickou strukturou a emisemi. Při vlastní analýze se porovnává státní vlastnictví s ostatními typy, s důrazem na koncentraci vlastnické struktury. Též se zkoumá, zda dobrá finanční situace podniku prospívá či naopak škodí v jeho vztahu k životnímu prostředí.

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