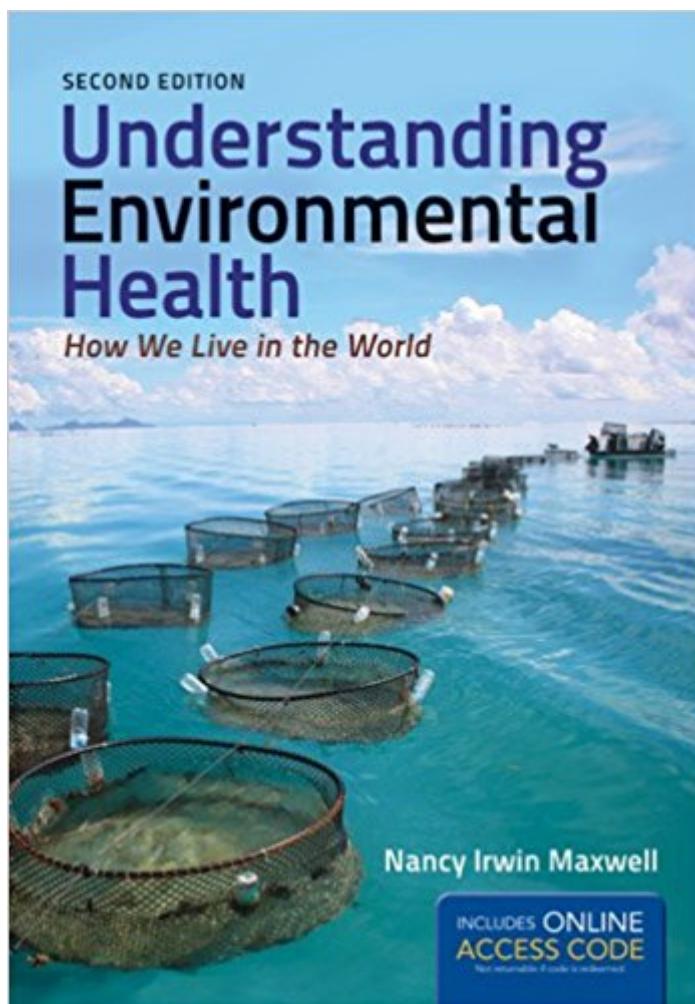


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# Understanding Environmental Health: How We Live In The World



## Synopsis

This innovative text takes a unique approach to presenting environmental health. Rather than organizing topics around the traditional regulatory fields (air and water pollution, hazardous wastes, radiation, etc.), this book is structured around the choices we make as individuals and societies that result in environmental health hazards. The author details the hazards of energy production, industry, food production, and the modern lifestyle, while exploring our place within the local and global community. Unlike other texts of its kind, *Understanding Environmental Health: How We Live in the World*, Second Edition tells a connected narrative, making the text engaging and accessible to a broad range of students with a variety of scientific backgrounds. The Second Edition is a thorough revision that incorporates updates to scientific understanding, changes in practice and policy, and important events of recent years. Key Features of the Second Edition:

- Offers a concise introduction to environmental health while providing all the essential information about the classic regulatory domains and core competencies in this important field.
- Presents a connected narrative, with chapters on the various choices we make that create environmental health hazards—living together with other species; producing energy, material goods, and food; and living in communities, from both a local and global perspective.
- Includes learning objectives and study questions in each chapter, as well as an extensive glossary of over 500 terms that have been highlighted throughout the text.

Instructor Resources: Instructors Manual, PowerPoint Slides, Test Bank Student Resources: Companion Website

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I used this textbook for the environmental health core class at my school of public health, and found it to be excellent--probably one of the best textbooks I've seen in 2.5 years of graduate school. I had the advantage of having the author as my instructor, but even without Dr. Maxwell teaching the course the book would have been just as useful. First, it's extremely well-written, which should be a given for any textbook but usually is not the case. The fact that she makes few, if any, grammatical errors and writes in a very clear manner makes reading material that is not intuitive a lot easier. Second, she incorporates figures, diagrams, and graphics nicely to add to the text. Some books seem to add graphics just because they think they should, but they don't really add anything content wise. Third, she has an extensive glossary of terms for virtually every major concept introduced in the book, which is incredibly helpful if you're trying to study this material. I don't agree with the review that says she doesn't talk enough about regulation. This is meant to be an introductory level textbook, and the outline of regulatory bodies and what they oversee is sufficient for the purposes of an introduction. Environmental health policy is not necessarily straightforward, and an in-depth discussion should be saved for a more advanced or policy-specific course. Finally, I think that the concepts presented in this book are essential for everyone to learn. Things like the environmental toxins in every day products we use, the food we eat, etc. should be a part of general curriculum so that people are aware and can make informed decisions as to how they want to live their lives. Also, the lack of sustainable modern day practices and the impact on future generations is important information for all of us, and this book gives a nice overview of both the problems and potential solution. I found myself feeling grateful that this was a required course for my graduate program, and that I had such a great textbook to facilitate learning the material.

This book is not as comprehensive as Moeller's Environmental Health. The author has a tendency to make unsubstantiated assertions making the book less well integrated than one would hope for. An example, she does a very nice introduction to the hydrologic cycle but never really develops a line of thought about its important to the range of environmental issues to which it is linked. That would have required maybe 10-15 more pages. Another example where further development would improve the text is the author's presentation on the precautionary principle. She never discusses the Rio meeting and starts discussing precautionary principle in terms of the Wingspread Conference which occurred much later and was not a globally represented meeting. She also does not adequately relate the precautionary principle to risk assessment. At the same time the author does a relatively good job of reviewing high points of Environmental Health. Perhaps if the author had

expanded the text so that her assertions could have supporting documentation, and lines of thought were more fully developed, it would be a better text. Throughout the text the author very superficially introduces significant environmental laws associated with the topic under discussion. For people in public health it may be useful to present the background to the laws, and the regulations that are associated with them.

An excellent book, laying down the fundamentals into research and practice of environmental health.

Although it's required for school I really enjoyed reading this book, very well written by the author and isn't boring at all.

Yes great book. Easy read

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