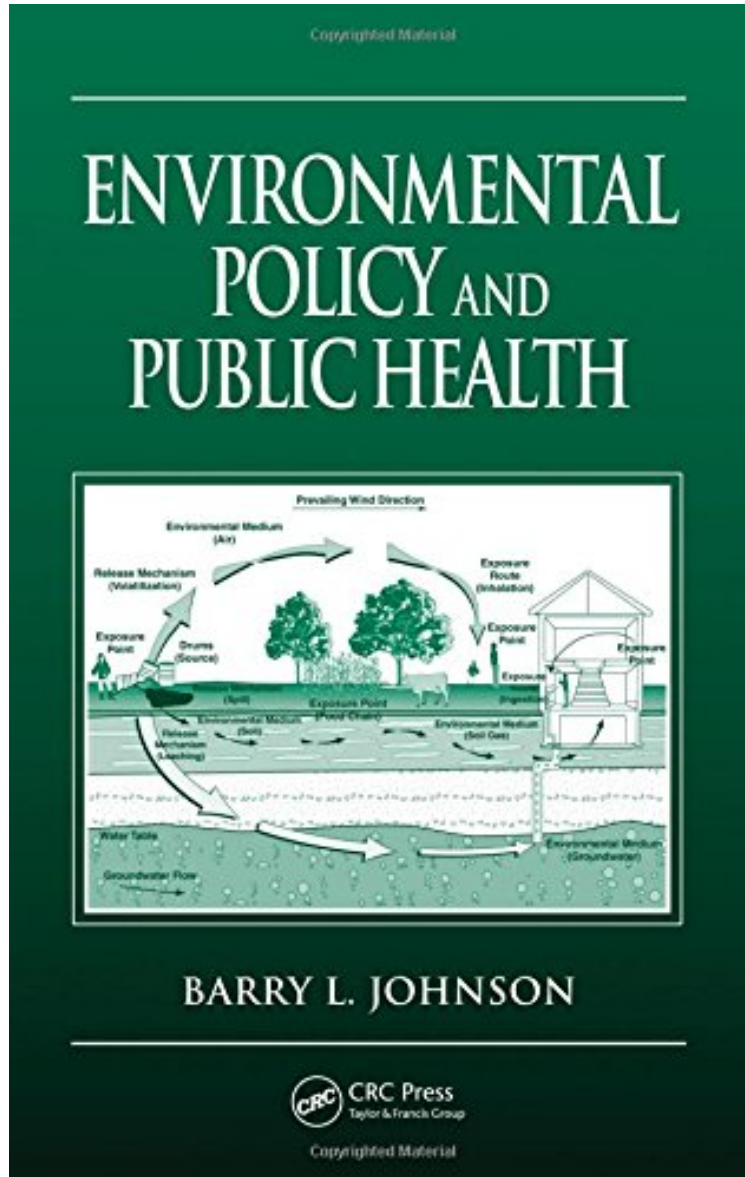


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Barry L. Johnson : Environmental Policy and Public Health before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Environmental Policy and Public Health:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. American Society for Public Administration Supports Sound Environmental Policies By Julie Ann Racino The American Society for Public Administration, Section on the Environment and Natural Resource Administration, supports sound environmental health policies in the US and

around the world. The book is an excellent resource to public administrators in local, state and federal governments, and to environmental activists on the progress that has been made over the past 4 or more decades to develop the infrastructure, regulations and frameworks for environmental health policy and its administration. In particular, the book reviews the statutes on food safety, air and water statutes, general environmental statutes (e.g., noise pollution), pesticides and toxic substances, and solid and hazardous waste. Similar to the efforts by leading foundations, public health promotes The Clean Air and Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, among other landmark legislation. The reviewer, who works in the disability field and public administration, was impressed with the policy initiatives on environmental equity and justice, including two 1990s National People of Color Leadership Summits. The federal government's environmental health structure with its National Center descriptions (e.g., National Institute on Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health; Indian Health Services) and federal environmental health programs (e.g., National Science Foundation: Department of Transportation) is a find to organizations who may work with one or two departments. The United Nations is highly credited for its work on the US Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit), and World Summit on Sustainable Development. Of course, Honorable Judith Heumann, known in independent living, worked as International Disability Advisor to the World Bank, also in the international section. Today, the UN leads the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN, 2006). The only disappointment of this author in the book is the rise in Homeland Security, post-9/11, as reflected in the Bioterrorism and Preparedness Response Act and the inclusion of Behavioral Science and Risk Assessment, with simply an unreferenced paragraph on "social support". The latter represents the position of almost all social sciences worldwide, most humanities, many helping professions, including education, psychology, and social work, in addition to environmental and even, peace activists. The very thorough, comprehensive book is courtesy of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, who has specialized in books on hazardous waste and neurotoxic illnesses. Many readers will find useful tables from legislative histories, to global health indicators to be relevant to their work and interests, even as world citizens! Julie Ann Racino
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Advances in environmental protection and public health result from democratic processes that debate environmental health concerns and propose legislative and other policy solutions. Delineating the delicate relationship between environmental policy and public health, *Environmental Policy and Public Health* explores the development of environmental health policies, the statutes that address public health concerns about specific environmental hazards, and policy issues that impact environmental health programs. Covering the fundamentals of environmental policy, this concise guide identifies the steps in environmental policy making, the federal government's environmental health structure, and the general environmental status. It focuses on environmental hazards, including air contamination, water pollution, unsafe food, pesticides and toxic substances, and hazardous waste that have been associated with degraded human health. The book provides a unique description of international environmental health organizations and programs and describes how risk assessment has become an integral policy in environmental health legislation. Presenting a historical perspective of how environmental health has evolved, *Environmental Policy and Public Health* is the first book to bridge human health concerns and environmental protection. The book relates the relationship between controlling environmental hazards and the impact on human health and public health practice. It outlines how environmental justice has evolved and has been integrated into government environmental policies.