UNIT OF STUDY

Title: Pollution Subject/Course: Environmental Science Length: 7 weeks

Topic: Pollution and Prevention Grade: 11-12 Designer: D Wright

UNIT GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

IMPORTANT CONCEPTS/UNDERSTANDINGS:

- 1. Environmental hazards are broadly defined and include cultural, biological, physical, and chemical hazards.
- 2. Risk analysis is based upon a four-step process: hazard assessment, dose-response assessment, exposure assessment, and risk characterization.
- Risk management merges public policy with risk assessment.
- 4. The precautionary principleis gaining ground in the United States. The perception of risk is included in the decision making process.
- 5. Pests are organisms that compete with humans for food or create annoyances.
- 6. Chemical pesticides have possible adverse human and environmental consequences.
- Water pollutants are pathogenic organisms, chemicals, substances that alter habitat, and various kinds of nutrients.
- 8. The First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics and the Law of Conservation of Energy rule how we use resources and energy.
- 9. All organisms produce waste.
- 10. Air pollution adversely impacts all living things.
- 11. Primary air pollutants are produced from combustion and evaporation while secondary pollutants are a result of chemical reactions between the primary pollutants and naturally occurring compounds.
- 12. Air pollutants are a result of choices we have made concerning how we produce and use energy.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- 1. How are environmental hazards defined?
- 2. What are the major aspects of risk management when dealing with environmental hazards?
- 3. What is the precautionary principle in relationship with our dealings with environmental hazards?
- 4. How are organisms defined as "pests"?
- 5. How does water and air pollution affect living organisms?
- 6. How does our air and water get polluted?
- 7. How does energy usage result in air and water pollution?

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

PD.1.ES.1- Describe the structure, origin, and evolution of the Earth's components

PD.1.ES.16- Explain heat transfer in the atmosphere and its relationship to meteorological processes

PD.1.ES.19- Describe the cycling of materials and energy BD.2.ES.1- Compare and contrast biomes

BD.2.ES.9- Explain how limiting factors affect populations and ecosystems

BD.2.ES.10- Describe the natural selection process in populations

SP.3.ES.1- Explain the reciprocal relationships between Earth's processes (natural disasters) and human activities SP.3.ES.2- Investigate the relationships between human consumption of natural resources and the stewardship responsibility for reclamations including disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste

SP.3.ES.3- Explain common problems related to water quality

SP.3.ES.4- Explain problems related to air quality SP.3.ES.6- Research how political systems influence environmental decisions

SP.3.ES.7- Investigate which federal and state agencies have responsibility for environmental monitoring and action SP.3.ES.8- Compare and contrast man-made and natural environments.

NS.4.ES.1- Collect and analyze scientific data using appropriate mathematical calculations, figures and tables NS.4.ES.2- Use appropriate equipment and technology as tools for solving problems

NS.4.ES. 3- Utilize technology to communicate research findings

NS.5.ES.3- Evaluate long-range plans concerning resource use and by-product disposal for environmental, economical and political impact

NS.6.ES.1- Research and evaluate science careers using the following criteria

SPECIFIC DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE – What I know

Identify the criteria used to identify or classify environmental hazards.

Describe the use of energy in trophic levels, trophic categories and trophic relationships.

Identify and describe polluting factors.

Understand the role of energy use and conversion in ecosystems.

Name and describe the three major changes in human civilization that have affected the environment.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE - What I need to do

Make clear and unbiased observations.

Make predictions according to a pattern.

Identify correctly information found on graphs, tables and charts.

Research skills will be used to gather information.

UNIT ASSESSMENTS

(Include tasks related to Dimensions 3 and 4 and Bloom's Taxonomy)

Daily notebook entries.

Discuss (in writing) the idea of a sustainable approach to the Earth's environment.

Chapter Content Brainstorming

LPS 4-step Vocabulary strategy

Traditional Assessments:

Unit test.

Written quizzes.

Chapter outline

Activity analysis

Other Evidence of Learning:

Daily notebook entries.

TI-83 lab

Chapter Content Brainstorming

LHS 4-step vocabulary

ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES	Resources
Identify and define key words and vocabulary: (using LHS vocabulary format) Environment health, environment, hazards, risk, health, morbidity, mortality, epidemiology, underweight, chronic, acute, carcinogenic, toxicology, risk	Environmental Science: Toward A Sustainable Future
assessment, epidemiological study, animal testing, dose-response assessment, exposure assessment, risk management, risk perception,	Media Center
precautionary principle, Pests, agricultural pests, weeds, herbicides, pesticides, chemical treatment, ecological control, integrated pest	Internet
management, first-generation pesticides, scale insects, second-generation pesticides, broad spectrum, persistent, resurgence, secondary pest outbreak,	Smartboard
pesticide treadmill, bioaccumulation, biomagnification, bioconcentration, natural and biological control, cultural control, control by natural enemies,	Power point
genetic control, natural chemical control, hormones, pheromones, juvenile hormone, ecdysone, economic threshold, insurance spraying, cosmetic	Newspaper/Magazines
spraying, field scouts, pest-loss insurance, organic food, tolerances, prior informed consent, Hypoxic area or dead zone, eutrophication, pollutant,	Lab exercises
nonbiodegradable, point source, pathogens, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), inorganic chemicals, organic chemicals, National Recommended Water Quality Criteria, benthic plants, submerged aquatic vegetation, emergent vegetation, best management practices (BMPs), raw sewage, storm drains, denitrification, carcinogenic, dose response, exposure, hazardous material, ignitability, Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, groundwater remediation, Troposphere, stratosphere, weather, climate, meteorology, convection currents, monsoons, adaptation, Precautionary Principle, equity principle, Global Climate Change Initiative, emissions, ozone shield, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), Montreal Protocol, industrial smog, photochemical smog, temperature inversion, primary pollutants, secondary pollutants, O ₃ , emissions, acid, base, pH, acid precipitation, Clean Air Act of 1970 (CAA), TI-83/CBL lab- "Dissolved Oxygen" The pH game lab Carbon dioxide lab Waste-water treatment lab Thermal pollution lab Air Quality Lab TI-83/CBL lab- "The Garbage Problem"	TI-83 calculator w/ probes
Career Connections	
Politician Economist Sociologist Ecologist	