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Priority for publication is given to manuscripts that offer clear, insightful views on an environmental problem from an interdisciplinary perspective. *Environmental Practice* seeks especially to publish studies that link data and findings in science and technology with issues of public policy, health, environmental quality, law, political economy, management, and the appropriate standards for expertise. Because the readership of *Environmental Practice* is very broadly based, manuscripts should not be burdened by extensive, unexplained, technical language familiar only to a small group of specialists.

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Environmental Practice publishes several categories of manuscripts as described below. Three of these categories, Research Articles, Environmental Reviews, and Commentaries, are peer reviewed.

Research Articles: manuscripts that report the results of systematic study on an environmental problem. Typically, research articles will (a) report the results of a for-

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3. Manuscripts should be organized as follows:

Cover sheet: Attach a cover sheet including manuscript title, author name(s); title or position; institutional affiliation; corresponding author address, telephone number, fax number, and email address. All pages should be numbered, with the cover sheet as page 1. To facilitate blind peer reviews, author names and affiliations should appear *only* on the cover sheet.

Acknowledgments: Place on a separate sheet, located after the cover sheet. The study sponsors, if any, should be included in the acknowledgments.

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Author, A.B., and C.D. Author. 1997. Title of Article. *Name of Journal* Volume(Issue): starting page number-ending page number.

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Author, A.B., C.D. Author, and E.F. Author. 2000. Title of Article or Chapter. In *Title of Book*, G.H. Editor and I.J. Editor, eds., 4th edition. Publisher, Place of Publication, starting page number-ending page number.

Book

Author, A.B., and C.D. Author. 2001. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Place of Publication, total pages in book.

Edited book

Editor, A.B., and C.D. Editor, eds. 1999. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Place of Publication, total pages in book.

Dissertation or thesis

Author, A.B. 1998. *Title*, (PhD Dissertation) OR (Master's Thesis). University, City, State, total pages in document.

Reports by author

Author, A.B. 1993. *Title of report*. Report Number, Agency, City, State, total pages in report.

Reports by agency

Name of agency. 1995. *Title of report*. Report Number, City, State, total pages in report.

Personal communication (e.g. letter, telephone, email, interview)

Person, A.B. 1999. Personal communication. Person's title or position, Person's agency or organization, City, State. Day-Month.

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Book

A.B. Author and C.D. Author, 1999, *Title of Book*, Publisher, Place of Publication, total pages in book.

Edited book

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