

Guidelines for superfund case study papers

It is important to adhere to these guidelines in order to get full credit for your paper. These instructions are meant to help you in preparing clear and concise papers that are relevant to what we covered in this course. They also make it easier for me to grade your papers on time. These papers are worth 20% of your grade and will be graded out of 20.

1. Due date : Nov 21st 2007 (email or hard copies)

Paper should be handed in class or emailed as a Microsoft Word Document to this address (tait.chirenje@stockton.edu). Please note that there is a period between my first and last names. A copy must also be submitted through TURNITIN. I encourage everyone to see me by November 15th with an outline of your paper. Please plan ahead to avoid the bottlenecks at the end of the semester.

2. Paper length and font size and spacing.

Your papers should be about 10 pages long, using Times New Roman font size 12, double spaced. Papers exceeding 12 pages in length will incur a 2 point per page penalty.

3. Paper content.

Choose a superfund site that is close to where you live. Read the EPA document on superfund on WebCT (it will give you a lot of information about the program). Give a brief background of your site i.e. location and the type of activities that led to pollutant release, the pollutant that was released, its effects on the ecosystem and on human health, when was the site declared a superfund site or placed on the national priority list (NPL)?, how much money was designated for clean-up, who was responsible, how long did clean up take?, the clean-up methods used and their effectiveness etc. The Superfund program has changed a lot over the years. Please comment on its current status. You have a lot freedom in terms of how you want to present your paper, as long as it is in prose form (no poems). Talk to me if you are not sure about where you are going. I will be happy to guide you in the right direction.

4. Citation style

Use a citation style of your choice (e.g. MLA, APA etc). Do not make up your own reference style.

As always, see me if you have any problems. If you feel strongly about a specific site outside of New Jersey (e.g. Love Canal or the Valley of Drums), let me know. I will probably allow you to write on the site that excites you (but be ready to defend your pick).