

CHEM 115
Winter 2000

GUIDELINES FOR SHORT PAPER

Length: approx 1000 words. Final draft due: Wednesday, March 8

With the approval of the instructor or TA, any topic which fits within the broad environmental chemistry themes of this course (air, water, climate, energy, toxics, etc). Your goal should be to make a clear and succinct summary of the objective science, especially the chemistry, underlying a particular environmental topic, question, or issue.

Most environmental topics are perceived as controversial, but it's usually the policy debate, not the basic science, which generates the controversy. Please focus on the science, not the policy debate. This is NOT an editorial to press a particular point of view. After your summary of the relevant science behind your topic, you may briefly review possible policy options, if this is appropriate to your chosen topic.

Key: Show me that you know the science underlying the issue.

Format: Standard essay format, with references (minimum of four) to document your sources of factual information.

Schedule: *Approval of topic by 7 Feb (Monday)
 *Rough draft or outline due 23 Feb (Wednesday)
 *Final draft due March 8 (Wednesday)