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The Environmental Case: Translating Values Into Policy, 3rd Edition



Synopsis

Environmental policy cannot be seen in just black and white, but instead contains many shades of gray. Environmental battles-even the most heated-are essentially conflicts among those with fundamentally different values, and how problems are framed in politics plays a central role in shaping how these values are translated into policies. Judith Layzer explores these two main themes in environmental policy making in the anticipated third edition of *The Environmental Case*. Through its 16 carefully constructed cases, the book gives readers a first-hand look at some of the most interesting and illuminating controversies in U.S. environmental policy making. New to this edition, Layzer expands the final section of her book to consider the issue of resilience in the face of a changing climate. This third edition features fully revised and updated case studies, as well as three brand-new cases: Cape Wind and Alternative Energy, Ecosystem-Based Management in the Chesapeake Bay, and the restoration of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Layzer provides maps, tables, figures, questions to consider, recommended readings, and useful websites to help students think critically about environmental policy and to facilitate further research.

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This was a really good book for my college class that looked at different environmental case studies. My only complaint is that I bought the kindle ebook version and it made it difficult to find page numbers by what the teacher was saying because my kindle doesn't show page numbers. If buying this for school I highly recommend the print version.

One of the most thorough and comprehensive books I've seen about how many of the US environmental policies evolved. Layzer builds the cases with historical context, case law, and social aspects. For example, using the Dudley Street case in Boston, she builds the case for environmental justice issues. The events at Love Canal lead to the Superfund Act (CERCLA). A must-read for students of environmental policy!

This book provides a slew of key environmental case studies. The key ones that developed the environmental laws of today (Love Canal) and ones (Chesapeake Bay) that are now pushing policy and environmental groups forward. Written in an interesting manner with policy outcomes and conclusions on each case. Provides the driving values and leads to discussions in classes.

A great teaching tool. I am sorry to hear about the passing of Judith Layzer.

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