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Dennis J. Paustenbach, *Retrospective on U.S. Health Risk Assessment: How Others Can Benefit*

Dr. Paustenbach reviews the scientific underpinnings of about twenty years of health risk assessment practice and their implications for environmental policy. He observes that more than 600 peer-reviewed papers provide a wealth of information that can save other countries billions of dollars. He also briefly reviews risk-assessment practices outside the U.S.

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John Kadwany, *From Comparative Risk to Decision Analysis: Ranking Solutions to Multiple-Value Environmental Problems*

While recognizing that the making of environmental policy is sufficiently complex that no one method can serve all conditions, Dr. Kadwany urges that more attention be given to multiattribute utility and decision analysis. He suggests this can help, e.g., to illuminate stakeholder values and generate alternative approaches.

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John D. Graham & Elizabeth Richardson, *Ranking Risk Inequities*

Comparing recent data on age-adjusted death rates for blacks and whites, the authors attempt to clarify how ranking risks based on degree of inequity might differ from ranking them according to frequency of health impairments in the overall population. They also identify problems in choosing a method for ranking causes of death that incorporates both frequency and equity and suggest that agreement will be difficult to reach.

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## Book Reviews

Community Risk Profiles: A Tool to Improve Environment and Community Health (Iddo K. Wernick ed. 1995)

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William Leiss & Christina Chociolko, *Risk and Responsibility* (1994)

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