

Another important chemistry-related environmental issue has to do with exposure to organic pollutants. The primary sources of exposure may not be the ones we expect. Read the assigned material and use the following guiding questions to prepare a 250 word essay on the leading organic pollutants, their primary sources and potential effects.

Guiding Questions

1. What are some of the more prominent organic pollutants?
2. What are their sources and legitimate uses?
3. What types of physiological effects do they have on people and animals?
4. How are humans exposed to these compounds? How are animals exposed?
5. Has the threat of exposure been increasing or decreasing over the past few decades?
6. Why do these organic pollutants persist in the environment? (chemical reasons for sure, but also consider economic, social and political reasons)