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## **The Environment and a Public Policy for Control and Sustainability:**

### **Command and Control vs. Process Alteration and Design**

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The historical model for environmental protection was one of first neglect and then one of discovery, command and control. The Command and Control model is one in which a hazard is identified and an ordinance created which requires "end-of-pipe" trapping of the harmful effluent or emission. The fatal problem is the control technology invariably converts a hazardous material's form from air-borne to liquid or from liquid to solid. There are exceptions, of course, but electrostatic precipitators, limestone wet scrubbers, settling ponds, waste storage sites, incineration, etc. all create a different problem.

In the 1970's period in the United States of America, there was a sudden call to protect the environment and the creation of a central government agency with the power to create law in the form of regulation was created. The number of problem areas and sources were vast in number. The only limitation on control technology was the size of the gross national product of the USA? Clearly a country with a growing social concerns budget { Medicare, Social Security, AFDP, } and a global defense responsibility could not simply put a fitting on the end of every pipe and ducted vent in America. A priority list of most to least hazardous threat was needed. Our first achievement was the creation of a new verb " *to prioritize* " but ultimately the control systems division of the US-EPA undertook the development of an "Environmental Assessment Strategy" to create the list. The strategy was to:

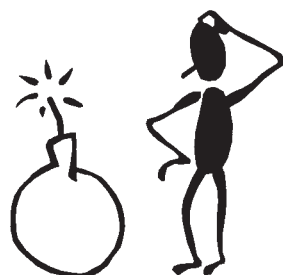
- **Screen for Hazardous Sources**
- **Chemically and Physically Characterize the Most Hazardous**
- **Use the Results to Adapt Existing Control Technology –or- Create new Control Technology.**

The approach was quite innovative for the times but a quarter century has passed and effort can now be devoted to designing less harmful processes, to modifying the way chemistry is done and the way by-products are utilized { e.g. - fly-ash is converted to road materials }. What follows is a series of slides used at the Workshop in St. Petersburg. The flow of 1975 ideas vs. 1998 ideas is the important part. Some additional biographical information is included so that the audience may place the author's contributions in perspective. Clearly the RCIS is in the position the US was in 1975 in many areas of remediation need. And so the cost-effective "Phased Approach" is worthy of revisiting in that case. The work in the US can be found in the

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# Improving the Environment for Health and Profit



## The Process of Environmental Assessment, Control and Manufacturing Cost Reduction

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Phi Lambda Upsilon

# The Stages of Assessment



- Major “Fires” are obvious and easily identified.
- Ranking sources by industrial/municipal type using adequate methods to control expense
- Macro *vs.* Micro Control and Compliance.



**1975-76 Advisory leave - U.S.E.P.A. -  
IERL/RTP \- Development of Environmental  
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**1976-84 Organic Analysis Advisory Panel  
U.S.E.P.A. -**

**1984 Peer Review Committee, USEPA  
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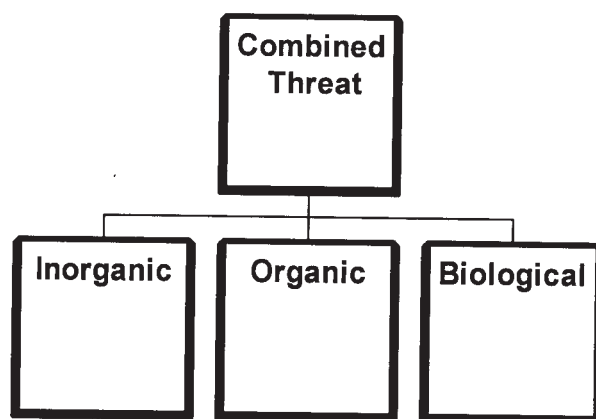
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**1988 Peer Review Committee, USEPA  
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# Assessment & Prioritization

## Pollutant Classes







## Screen THEN Study

- There are many sources and limited funds=>cost effective methods are needed
- Mass emission data; elements; compound classes; biological response.
- Avoid ` lists ` of compounds

# Phase 1: 1975 version

- Elements by SSMS
- Organics by LC fractionation, IR, PDMS
- Biological: Alveolar Macrophage [death]; Ames Assay *S.typhomerium* [survive]

# Phase II: 1975 version

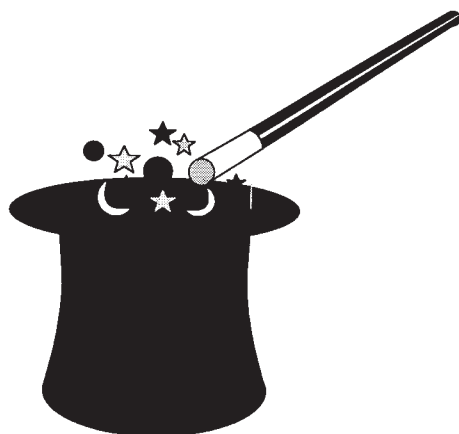
- Rank sources and samples based on Phase I
- Identify chemical threat by compound type or types
- Beware of synergistic effects when seeking compound information

# Phase III: 1975 version

- Existing control technology usable?
- Convert waste form or truly remediate?
- Cost - Risk - Benefit

# Phase III: 1998 version

- Is best fix: Head of pipe, middle of pipe, end of pipe?
- Is better best fix a complete process change? {GREEN CHEMISTRY}
- Can we change the process enough to save what we are wasting? {GREEN MONEY}



# Wise Use of 'Compliance Data'

- Government sets standards for emission.
- Measurements must be made.
- Archive the results or use them for profit?
- A published example or two of profit.