

SC491-Possible Paper Topics

1. Pro or con: low doses of carcinogenic chemicals have hormetic/adaptive/beneficial effects.
2. Pro or con: all forms of solar energy, except solar photovoltaic, are cost-effective at current prices.
3. Pro or con: the US should accept the Kyoto Accords.
4. Pro or con: the US should invest so as to take back leadership of the global wind-energy manufacturing market.
5. Pro or con: the US should heavily tax all trucks and SUVs.
6. Pro or con: the US should use monitored retrievable storage instead of permanent disposal of high-level nuclear waste.
7. Pro or con: the EPA's assessment of the dangers of chlorine is accurate
8. Pro or con: Bruce Ames is correct, that most cancers are not environmentally induced.
9. Pro or con: Mary O'Brien (1999 book) is correct that the US should use "alternatives assessment" not "technology assessment."
10. Pro or con: The US should not subsidize nuclear, oil, or coal technology for energy.
11. Pro or con: The US should allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve.
12. Pro or con: Radiation from electromagnetic fields is harmful.
13. Pro or con: Cell phones cause cancer.
14. Pro or con: The US should immediately test the 95 percent of suspected carcinogens that have not been tested.
15. Pro or con: The US should require use of biological controls rather than chemical pesticides on all food crops.
16. Pro or con: The US should repeal the Delaney Clause.
17. Pro or con: The US should give tax credits for limiting the number of one's children.
18. Pro or con: The US should institute pollution taxes.
19. Pro or con: The US should require municipal water-treatment facilities to install charcoal filters for chlorine.
20. Pro or con: The US should pull out of the WTO.
21. Pro or con: The US should pull out of NAFTA.
22. Pro or Con; Yucca mountain should be a repository for high level radioactive waste.
23. Pro or Con: Natural attenuation is an acceptable alternative to dealing with sites contaminated with hazardous waste.
24. Pro or Con: The environmental impact of NAFTA Fasttrack Authority is acceptable.
25. Pro or Con: Genetically engineered crops are a danger to the environment and man.