


**ENV H 473: EH Policy & Practice**

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Lesson 2.  
Health Hazards  
and Env. Health

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**Announcements**

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❖ **DEOHS Seminar:**

- **Date:** Thursday, 29 March 2012  
12:30-1:30 pm, T-435 HSB
- **Seminar Title:** *Water Quality in Washington State: Staying Current for Clean Water*
- **Speaker:** Robert Duff, MS  
Washington State Dept. of Ecology

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**Lesson Overview**

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1. The Course: website, syllabus, schedule, materials, etc.
2. Assignment: Exercise #1  
Due: Monday
3. *Blue Vinyl* (2002)  
Bullfrog Productions, Inc.

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## Blue Vinyl

❖ What to look for:

- What was the problem?
- How serious is it?
- What was being done about it?
- What's the situation today?
- What more needs to be done?

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## Blue Vinyl



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## Discussion Questions

1. What is the problem portrayed in this film?
  - Whose problem is it?
  - What specific population(s) is(are) at risk?
  - Who or what caused the problem?
2. Is it a Public Health problem? Why or why not?

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**Discussion Questions**

3. Who is responsible for the problem?

- > What did they know about the health risks? When?
- > What did they do about it?
- > What should they have done?

4. What has been the “official” response to the problem, in the U.S.A.?

- > What agency(ies) has(have) jurisdiction over the problem?

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**Discussion Questions**

- > What have they done about it?
- > Has it been sufficient? Why or Why not?

5. What should have been done about the problem? How?

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**Next Lesson**

**Health Hazards & Environmental Health**  
*(Blue Vinyl continued)*

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