

# Foreword to the Twenty-First Century

After working in this field (what is now known as Environmental Engineering) for a half century, I feel the need to suggest a solution to the never-ending pollution problem. No solution is perfect, and certainly this one has its flaws. But not only is this the logical outcome of rational thinkers, but it is also ultimately economically and sociologically sound. If followed completely, it will require an entire restructuring of our industrial location and operation engineers, because they must consider other industry needs besides their own in making production choices. Society, however, will benefit from lower prices for goods and less pollution of the environment. What better goals to work for! The “waste utilization engineer” will replace the conventional “waste treatment engineer.” Clean air and water will replace polluted environments. Lower costs with perhaps higher standards of living will replace more expensive products. All it takes is the strength of our conviction and an innovative mind. I’ve done my part by suggesting this primrose path. Now it’s up to you to read, assimilate, and act on the contents of Part B of this book!