

Preface to the Twenty-First Century

“When you look out from Mount Rainer, it is an awesome sight and it makes you realize yet again why it is so important to have clean air and clean water and save the global environment and I will fight to protect the environment with all my heart and soul.”

—Al Gore
Everett, Washington
October 23, 2000

At the risk of sounding melodramatic, I believe that the answer to saving our environmental planet is in Part B of this book. I have been studying, observing, and analyzing the plight of industry as well as municipalities in attempting to abate their pollution for over 50 years. In our present era of merging forces for enhancing industrial economics, the time has come for industries and cities to use their wastes in ways that will result in zero pollution for the environment. Waste utilization must replace waste treatment in order to preserve our fragile environment.

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