Our nation is facing a variety of on-going environmental health problems that have the following general form: an established human practice, whether on the part of business and industry or on the part of the public, is contributing to serious health problems for the environment or for a large number of people. At the same time it would be costly to modify the practice so as to reduce the environmental or public health problem. People often say that the answer is one of achieving a “balance” between the amount of money we spend to correct the environmental problem and the protection it provides for the environment or for public health.

Using the internet as your only resource, develop a point of view about the “balance” between societal practices and environmental protection. In your point of view you must explain the benefits and risks of the practice to humans.

You must use at least 4 internet resources and you much cite your references in ALA or MLA format.

Some possible general topics include (you must look at one practice that creates the environmental health problem within the general topic you select):

- Agricultural chemicals
- Air pollution
- Genetically modified crops
- Household hazardous wastes
- Nuclear energy
- Water pollution