

David and Lorraine Cheng Library

Sustainability Videos

(DVDs and Streaming)

Age of the City: The Strains of Urban Life (Streaming)

Increasing congestion places a strain on the capacity of cities to protect those who live within their boundaries. When plagues hit, like the cholera epidemic that invades cities in the 19th century, city officials are forced to implement public health interventions. But many problems are not being addressed. Urban pollution, considered a sign of a healthy economy, contributes to the unhealthy environment for people living in cities. Insufficient supplies of safe water and inadequate sewage and garbage treatment systems abound. In addition poverty, and its corollary crime and violence, haunt cities at the turn of the century. Intelcom, 2000

American Farm (DVD 2173)

"In a little town in upstate New York, a close-knit family struggles over many decades to hold onto a small dairy farm. With extraordinary candor and heartbreaking intimacy, this poignant documentary brings to light the true story of an American family: their hopes and dreams, their triumphs over tragedy, the modern conflicts that divide them and the love that binds them together. At the center of this world, Langdon "Lanny" Ames, the fifth generation to work this land, stands proud. Yet Lanny is faced with an uncertain future when all of his children turn away from the family tradition to build new lives elsewhere. Featuring new footage never seen in theatres, this Collector's edition DVD is a moving portrait of a vanishing way of life." Morninglight Films, 2007

A Career Focused on the Environment (Streaming)

Former Sierra Club president David Brower talks about the origins of his interest in the environment. He also discusses his belief that, while humans are the first species to learn how to destroy the environment, we are also capable of fixing at least some of what we've done. Intelcom, 2000

An Inconvenient Truth (DVD 750)

Former Vice President Al Gore explains the facts of global warming, presents arguments that the dangers of global warming have reached the level of crisis, and addresses the efforts of certain interests to discredit the anti-global warming cause. Between lecture segments, Gore discusses his personal commitment to the environment, sharing anecdotes from his experiences. Paramount, 2006

Be Prepared for Global Warming (DVD 536)

According to many scientists, global warming is irreversible---but its progress can be slowed, its impact managed. This program examines strategies, many of them in operation, designed to protect land and populations made vulnerable by rapidly rising worldwide temperatures. Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 2005

Beneath the Surface: Light in the Ocean (Streaming)

One of the defining elements that distinguish one ocean layer from another is the presence or absence of light. The impact of light in the marine environment is significant. It affects the behavior of marine animals and has an impact on their anatomy. Intelcom 2000

Biosphere II (Streaming)

Paul Ehrlich, best known for his work on population growth, talks about Biosphere II and efforts to use technology to substitute for natural ecosystems (which he says are the most important part of our environment). Intelcom 2000

Biological Treatment Technologies: Microorganisms and Metabolism: (Streaming)

From the polar ice caps to the bottom of the sea, microorganisms that provide the backbone of biological treatment are becoming our greatest ally in the quest for a cleaner environment. The microbial kingdom is comprised of organisms ranging from simple-celled bacteria to multi-celled yeasts, protista and fungi. Metabolism is the chemical reaction by which they convert matter into energy and cellular building materials. Intelcom, 2000

Bitter Seeds (DVD 2180)

"Every 30 minutes a farmer in India kills himself in despair because he can no longer provide for his family. Will Ramkrishna be next? A cotton farmer at the epicenter of the suicide crisis region, he is struggling to keep his land. Manjusha, the neighbors' daughter, is determined to overcome village traditions and become a journalist. Ramkrishna's plight becomes her first assignment." Teddy Bear Films: 2011.

Build Green (DVD 1202)

A program that demonstrates the personal, cultural, and economic benefits to be had by utilizing a variety of modern techniques and technologies to plan and build environmentally friendly, safe, comfortable, and attractive homes. It features various houses and communities that have been designed and constructed using an assortment of building materials and energy sources deemed sustainable and ecologically conscientious. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; 2007

Cape Spin! An American Power Struggle (Streaming)

Cape Spin! An American Power Struggle tells the surreal, fascinating, tragicomic story of the battle over what would be America's largest clean energy project. Cape Wind was slated to be the U.S.'s first offshore wind farm, but strange alliances formed for and against: Kennedys, Kochs, and everyday folks do battle with the developer and green groups over the future of American power. With full access to both sides, a commitment to impartial storytelling and fueled by a satiric 'revolutionary' soundtrack, *Cape Spin!* is "a gripping and entertaining study of eco-capitalism and grassroots democracy".-- Container. The Video Project, 2012

The Chemical Industries: The Chemical Industry and the Environment (Streaming)

Waste minimization and recycling are two of the techniques commonly used to improve environmental quality. They reflect the chemical industry's acknowledgement of its growing responsibility toward the environment and communities in which it conducts business. "Responsible Care," an initiative set forth by the Chemical Manufacturing Association, is the ethical framework within which many chemical manufacturers operate. Intelcom, 2000

Core Biology: Environmental Sciences (Streaming Video)

This film presents the principles of ecology and the environmental sciences by way of a timeline featuring historic milestones. Ambrose Video, 2007

The Cove (DVD 1595)

In a sleepy lagoon off the coast of Japan is a highly guarded secret. During the night, Taiji fishermen engage in an unseen hunt for thousands of dolphins. The work is so horrifying the fishermen will stop at nothing to keep it hidden from the outside world. When a team of elite activists, filmmakers, and free-divers embark on a secret mission to penetrate their cover, the shocking discoveries they find there are just the tip of the iceberg. Lions Gate Entertainment, 2009

Delhi the Dump (DVD 1033)

"In between the global warming debate are millions of people who are living with the effects of environmental abuse every day. From the rag-picker to the coin-diver to the industrial worker, this documentary is a realistic and disturbing snapshot of the common man's story that personalizes the issues of global warming" Cine Fete 2007

The Delicate Balance Part 1: Economics vs. Environmentalism or What's a Tree Worth? (Streaming)

This film shows the impact of the corporate mind-set on the environment. Modern culture tends to view the world through an economic value filter, ignoring the larger value of natural resources, such as trees, to the planet's ecosystems. Intelcom, 2000

The Delicate Balance Part: 1 Ecological Globalization (Streaming)

The industrialized world is responsible for most of the environmental devastation of the twentieth century. But an emerging middle class in countries like China and India have the potential to take an unprecedented toll on the environment because of the enormity of their populations. Impoverished countries, in their efforts to attain economic growth, are destroying their natural resources. The development of solar hydrogen technologies is essential if sustainability is to be maintained in the face of these emerging nations. Intelcom, 2000

The Delicate Balance Part 1: The Human Imprint (Streaming)

The last half century or so has seen the impact of human enterprise on the environment escalate beyond the collective impact of humans over the previous four billion years. Human endeavors have changed the composition of the atmosphere, changed the courses of rivers, and spread toxic substances over the planet at a rate the earth's natural systems cannot sustain. Intelcom, 2000

The Delicate Balance Part 1: Reason for Optimism (Streaming)

Ecological refugees-people whose environment is so degraded that it no longer supports the social fabric of the country are a growing concern in every industrialized country. Many other population issues exist, but changes have been seen, too. In countries like China, India, and Pakistan where deliberate efforts to control the rate of reproduction were once not tolerated fertility rates are down. Where change can be seen there is reason for optimism. Intelcom, 2000

The Delicate Balance Part 1: Technology Is Not Always the Answer (Streaming)

The Biosphere 2 experiment attempted to create a human engineered self-sustaining environmental system. The experiment served to illustrate how little is understood about the workings of our natural ecosystems services. Intelcom, 2000

The Delicate Balance Part 2: Impact of Chemical Contamination (Streaming)

One of the difficulties of predicting potential dangers to the environment is that implications to future generations are often not foreseen. Rachel Carson galvanized public and political action to prevent indiscriminate use of pesticides when her data on their long term effects were published in "Silent Spring." Although testing methods have been altered, they remain imperfect. Intelcom, 2000

The Delicate Balance Part 2: Prevention is Better than Remediation (Streaming)

Politically, environmental protection is a hard sell. What makes the grass roots environmental movement different is prevention. This film shows how to prevent waste from getting into the environment, whether via air, water, or soil. Intelcom, 2000

Dirt! The Movie (DVD 1580)

Featuring live action and animation, this movie examines the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from and will later return to. Based on the book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, by William Bryant Logan Docurama Films: 2010.

Dirty Water: Eutrophication (Streaming)

Among the greatest threats to estuaries and other closed bodies of water is eutrophication. This is the process by which abnormally high levels of nutrients are introduced into the environment. This can create an imbalance in the local ecosystem, which may lead to a harmful algal bloom that can in turn result in anoxia. Intelcom, 2000

Dirty Water: Pollution in Bays and Estuaries (Streaming)

Among the areas hardest hit by marine pollution are bays and estuaries which, under normal circumstances, are extraordinarily productive. Estuaries are vulnerable to more than just oil spills and harbor development. They can also be harmed by the chemicals that pollute the fresh water that flows into them from the increasingly urbanized terrestrial environment. Intelcom, 2000

Dirty Water: Toxic Metallic Compounds (Streaming)

Along with oil and excess nutrients, toxic metallic compounds can also make their way to the marine environment and cause damage that may be passed along through the food web. Intelcom, 2000

Due West: Aliso Creek (Streaming)

Aliso Creek, located in Orange County, California, has a consistent beach pollution problem due to rapid development of the upstream environment. As the watershed has been largely paved over, the water is prevented from soaking in and filtering naturally. Instead, the water flows down the creek, carrying with it pollutants and contaminants, and empties into the Pacific Ocean. The results can be dire for both marine and human life. Intelcom 2000

Ecology: Biosphere 2: The Mechanics of a Closed System (Streaming)

Biosphere 2 was built as a living laboratory to help explain how humans interact with the earth's systems and gauge their impact on the environment. The structure, located in the Arizona desert, relies on huge inputs of energy, sophisticated electronics, a complex hydrologic system, and lungs. Intelcom 2000

Economic Impact of Air Pollution (Streaming)

Scientist and climate change expert Michael Oppenheimer discusses some of the economic impacts of air pollution, including those related to health, the natural environment, and infrastructure decay. Intelcom, 2000

The Food and Agriculture Industries: Food Packaging and Waste Disposal (Streaming)

Americans dispose of more than two hundred million tons of trash each year, and a significant percentage of that is food packaging. As the public has become increasingly concerned about the negative impact of this massive scale of waste disposal, McDonald's and others in the fast food industry have developed new methods of food packaging that exact a far lesser toll on the environment. Intelcom, 2000

The Food and Agriculture Industries: The Dairy Industry: Waste Streams and Environmental Management (Streaming)

Environmental management within the dairy industry has changed dramatically in recent years. It's shifted from a reactive to a very pro-active approach, in which the creamery attempts to reduce, reuse and recycle various waste streams, thus minimizing impact on the environment in all areas. Intelcom, 2000

The Food and Agriculture Industries: Sugar Production, Fertilizer and Phosphate Levels (Streaming)

About one quarter of U.S. sugar is produced in Florida. Intensive agricultural production in this environmentally sensitive region requires careful waste management. For example, one of the main issues threatening the Everglades is the amount of phosphate present in agricultural and urban runoff. Phosphate, a substance found in fertilizers and detergents, serves as a nutrient in what would otherwise be a nutrient-starved environment. To maintain a healthy ecosystem, however, the phosphate levels can be no more than ten parts per billion. Urban and agricultural run-off has raised these levels to over one hundred parts per billion. Intelcom, 2000

Food Inc. (DVD 1362 and Streaming)

This film lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing how our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profits ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and our own environment. It reveals surprising--and often shocking--truths about what we eat, how it's produced and who we have become as a nation. Magnolia Home Entertainment, 2009

Foodmatters (DVD 1573)

With nutritionally depleted foods, chemical additives, and our tendency to rely upon pharmaceutical drugs to treat what's wrong with our malnourished bodies, it's no wonder that modern society is getting sicker. Food matters sets about uncovering the trillion-dollar worldwide 'sickness industry' and gives people some scientifically verifiable solutions for curing disease naturally. Permacology Productions, 2009

The Force of Law: A Case of Malicious Conduct (Streaming)

Vince Sato of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Environment Protection Section, recounts a case of intentional malicious conduct by a business, which was commonplace several decades ago. Intelcom, 2000

The Force of Law: Increasingly Complexity of Environmental Problems (Streaming)

During the 1970s, environmental issues seemed straight-forward. Today, the increased numbers of chemicals that have been introduced into the environment are producing greater risks, and the complexity of the effects of those risks is better understood. Intelcom 2000

The Force of Law: An Unnecessary Burden? (Streaming)

Criticism of excessive government regulation and interference with commerce is not uncommon. But environmental regulations are in place to protect the health and safety of the public and to protect the environment for future generations. Intelcom, 2000

Fresh (DVD 1910)

Fresh celebrates the farmers, thinkers, and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Forging healthier, sustainable alternatives, they offer a practical vision for a future of our food and our planet. Among others, Fresh features urban farmer and activist Will Allen, sustainable farmer and entrepreneur Joel Salatin, and supermarket owner David Ball. Ripple Effect Productions, 2009

Fuel (DVD 1560)

This film is a powerful portrait of America's overwhelming addiction to, and reliance on, oil. Having been born and raised in one of the USA's most oil-producing regions, Josh Tickell saw firsthand how the industry controls, deceives, and damages the country, its people, and the environment, and after one too many people he know became sick, he knew he just couldn't idly stand by any longer. Cinema Libre Studio 2010

Gasland (Can You Light Your Water on Fire) (DVD 2115)

In 2009, filmmaker Josh Fox learned his land was on top of the Marcellus Shale, a giant reservoir of natural gas, and that he would be paid to lease his land for natural gas extraction. Fox documented his cross-country trek to find out if the controversial process of hydraulic fracking is actually safe. What he unearthed was a shocking discovery about a practice that is understudied and inadequately regulated, and he raced to find answers about fracking before it was too late. Docurama Films, 2010

Global Dump: Toxic Waste and the Planetary Ecosystem (Streaming)

While international corporations boast of newfound environmental stewardship, toxic materials are still produced on a worldwide scale - with underdeveloped nations serving as the planet's dump site. This program explores the issue, traveling to Asia, Africa, and Latin America to illustrate the effects of industrial waste on the environment, social systems, and human life. Viewers will gain an understanding of several topics: the impact of pesticides and other chemical products, the role of large-scale food waste, the dangers low-wage workers face as they pick through urban trash heaps, and more. Images of discarded ships rusting in shallow harbors epitomize Western wastefulness and compose one of many powerful sequences in the film. Films Media Group, 2007

Global Warming (DVD 1327)

This film surveys the science, the politics and the uncertainties about global warming, one of the most important and controversial science and societal issues today. Hawkhill Associates, 2005

Global Warming Hype or Hazard (DVD 537)

A skeptical ecologist questions the focus on global warming arguing that time and money would be better spent tackling more concrete and rapidly spreading environmental issues. Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 2004

The Great Global Warming Swindle (DVD 1297)

This film claims that the chief cause of Global Warming is not human activity, but changes in radiation from the sun. Scientists in the film believe that the global warming advocates have created a hysteria that has no basis on reality. WagTV, 2007

Heat (DVD 1261)

Under pressure from governments, green groups, and investors, big businesses, such as the oil and coal companies, electric utilities, and automobile manufacturers, are promising to reshape their approach to the environment, climate change, and carbon emissions. Shows how some corporations around the world are fighting to fend off new regulations while others are repositioning themselves to meet these challenges. This film visits the melting glaciers of the Himalayas, Chinese coal companies, Indian SUV makers, and American oil giants, among other locations. PBS Home Video, 2008

House Beautiful (DVD 1504)

"From using recycled materials to installing energy-efficient heating systems, creating an environmentally friendly home is all about being responsible without sacrificing style" A&E Home Video 2010

How Each of Us Affects the Environment (Part One) (Streaming)

Scientist and climate change expert Michael Oppenheimer talks about how the everyday choices we make as individuals take a toll on the environment, and discusses how we can make better choices. Intelcom, 2000

How Each of Us Affects the Environment (Part Two) (Streaming)

Scientist and climate change expert Michael Oppenheimer talks about how the everyday choices we make as individuals take a toll on the environment, and discusses how we can make better choices (Part 2) Intelcom, 2000

Impact of Acid Rain and Climate Change on Ecosystems (Streaming)

Scientist and climate change expert Michael Oppenheimer talks about the consequences of acid rain in the lakes of southeast Canada and many states in the northeastern United States. "It leeches toxic metals, like aluminums, from the soils," Dr. Oppenheimer says, "and, as a result, many of these lakes that heretofore were able to sustain fish populations are now devoid of them." Intelcom, 2000

Ingredients: The Local Food Movement Takes Root (DVD 2177)

American food is in a state of crisis. Obesity and diabetes are on the rise, food costs are skyrocketing, family farms are in decline, and our agricultural environment is in jeopardy. Explore a thriving local food movement as our world becomes a more flavorless, disconnected, and dangerous place to eat. Docudrama Films, 2011

King Corn (DVD 1799)

Fueled by curiosity and a dash of naiveté, college buddies Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis return to their ancestral home of Greene, Iowa, to find out how the modest corn kernel conquered America. With the help of real farmers, powerful fertilizer, government aid, and genetically modified seeds, the friends manage to grow one acre of corn. Along the way, they unlock the hidden truths about America's modern food system. Docudrama films, 2008

The Living Planet: A Portrait of the Earth: Seas of Grass (Streaming)

Grass grows all over the world, sustaining a host of creatures, particularly the African grasslands, which are home to the greatest collections of Savannah animals. Here, antelope, zebra and wildebeest reside with their predators, lions and cheetahs. Ambrose Video 1984

Living Together: Estuaries: Productivity and Vulnerability (Streaming)

Estuaries and wetlands are among the most productive areas anywhere, literally teeming with life. But these environments are often threatened by nutrient discharge from agricultural or farm land, as well as the building of homes or other forms of development along coastal regions. Many scientists view this as a threat to the marine food chain. Intelcom, 2000

Living Together: Marine Communities: Changes and Bio-Diversity (Streaming)

For communities in the marine environment, change is an ongoing reality. Bio-diversity, which refers to the number of species and relative abundance of different species within a community, offers the best chance for community survival. Intelcom, 2000

Mama Earth Her Destiny Our Hands (DVD 1315)

"An inspiring road map of successful ways to achieve sustainability through reinventing old methods and finding new paths to healthy communities, protecting natural resources and attaining a more profitable bottom line" EarthWalk Media, 2006

Meltdown (DVD 1617 and Streaming)

"This program studies divergent points of view contributing to the global warming debate, untangling a morass of political and scientific concerns and providing a wealth of historical background on the issue" Films for Humanities & Sciences, 2006

The Ocean's Memory: Oil, Gas and Manganese Nodules (Streaming)

Sediment is a uniquely valuable commodity within the marine environment. Oil, natural gas, coal, diamonds, gravel, sand, tin and titanium are all associated with marine sediment. Perhaps the most famous potential deep sea deposits are manganese nodules. In the future, they could prove to be a valuable source of important minerals, including copper, nickel and cobalt. Intelcom, 2000

The Ocean's Memory: Sediments and Past Climate (Streaming)

As sediments get laid down, they carry with them a record of the kind of environment in which they were formed. Scientists can read that record and learn valuable information about past climate and temperature change. Intelcom, 2000

Our Daily Bread (DVD 1020)

Welcome to the world of industrial food production and high-tech farming. Produced between October 2003 and October 2005 the film looks into the places where food is produced in European farms, greenhouses, processing plants and other places where crops and animals are cultivated and processed to become food for people. The images of food and animals treated as industrial products are presented without comment. First Run/Icarus Films 2005

On the Coast: Protecting the Coastal Environment (Streaming)

Given the extensive use of the coast by humans, the task of protecting the coastal environment is enormously challenging. Intelcom, 2000

Over-Consumption (Streaming)

Paul Ehrlich, best known for his work on population growth, cites over-consumption as one of the principle threats to the environment. Intelcom, 2000

Paths of Pollution: PCBs and the Great Lakes (Streaming)

As industries began to proliferate around the Great Lakes and its tributaries, contamination also began to accumulate in its waters. PCBs, which do not biodegrade, were routinely discharged into the environment before scientific evidence revealed the consequences of their presence. Once in the water system, PCBs settle into the sediment and are introduced into the food web through microorganisms that live in the mud; they are biocumulative as they work their way up the food chain. By the time it reaches a fish you might put on your dinner plate, the concentration of PCBs has increased thousands of times. Intelcom, 2000

Physical Treatment Technologies: Waste and Emissions Standards (Streaming)

In the past, when the waste load was light, nature's ways of purifying itself were sufficient. However, the amount of waste generated by contemporary society has overburdened these restorative powers. As a result, regulations now control the quantity and toxicity of waste that can be discharged into the environment. Intelcom, 2000

Pollution Prevention: Bridging Troubled Water: The Screen Printing Industry
(Streaming)

Screen printing, the process that creates T-shirt art and signage, can produce waste streams that are harmful to water quality. In the past, many solvents used to clean and reclaim screens were simply washed down the drain. But by using ultra violet paints and investing in a closed-loop water reclamation system, printers can be assured that their screens are not only of high quality, but are helping to reduce negative impacts on the environment. Intelcom, 2000

Pollution Prevention: Clearing the Air: Industrial Ecology and Pollution Prevention
(Streaming)

In the years following the first Earth Day and the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency, regulatory goals focused on "end-of-pipe" solutions to capture and treat waste before it contaminated the environment, but did little to address the source of the problem. More recently, a new philosophy of "industrial ecology" has emerged--one that makes environmental considerations and pollution prevention the foundation of industrial design and social planning, rather than an afterthought. Intelcom, 2000

Planet in Peril (DVD 1787)

Anderson Cooper, Dr. Sanjay Gupta and Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin travel to some of the most remote places on Earth. From exposing illegal wildlife trading undercover in Southeast Asia to seeing first-hand the devastating effects of deforestation in Brazil, they have gathered evidence regarding threats to the world's environment. CNN, 2007

Poisoned Waters (DVD 1706 and Streaming)

"More than three decades after the Clean Water Act, two iconic waterways--the great coastal estuaries of Puget Sound and the Chesapeake Bay--are in perilous condition. With polluted runoff still flowing in from industry, agriculture and massive suburban development, scientists fear contamination to the food chain and drinking water for millions of people. A growing list of endangered species also is threatened in both estuaries. Poisoned Waters examines the rising hazards to human health and the ecosystem and why it's so hard to keep our waters clean"-- WGBH Educational Foundation, 2009- Distributed by PBS

Processed People (DVD 1855)

"Two hundred million Americans are overweight and 100 million are obese. More than 75 million Americans have high blood pressure. 24 million people are diabetic. Heart disease remains the No. 1 cause of death for men and women, followed by stroke and obesity-related cancers. Obesity has overtaken tobacco as the number one cause of preventable deaths in the United States. Over 50% of bankruptcies are caused by what has become known as "medical debt." Fast food, fast medicine, fast news and fast lives have turned many Americans into a sick, uninformed, indebted, "processed" people"--Film website. Mostly Magic Productions, 2009

Protests Against Globalization (Streaming)

Professor of Sociology and History Craig Calhoun talks about globalization protests, stating that these are not spontaneous reactions, but rather part of a concerted effort to achieve better working conditions, greater access to healthcare, and a cleaner environment. Many of those who participate in such protests do so because they believe a variety of economic activities playing out on a global scale have worked against these outcomes.

Queen of the Sun What Are the Bees Telling Us? (DVD 2178)

A documentary on colony collapse disorder, a phenomenon involving the mass disappearance of honeybees from their hives, this film includes interviews with beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world including: Michael Pollan, Gunther Hauk, and Vandana Shiva.

Collective Eye: 2010

Rachel Carson's Silent Spring (DVD 1163)

Witness the life of passionate biologist and environmentalist, Rachel Carson, and how she exposed the effects of the unregulated use of pesticides and herbicides by the federal government, and sparked a revolution in environmental policy. WGBH Boston Video 2007

The Strange Disappearance of Bees (DVD 1754)

A documentary about mass deaths of bees all over the world, this show how increasingly each spring, beekeepers open their hives to find entire colonies wiped out. It surveys the science through conversations with top researchers such as entomologist May Berenbaum of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and biologist Paul Ehrlich of Stanford's Center for Conservation Biology. It makes a case that the industrial agricultural model is responsible for killing off the pollinators. Icarus Films, 2011

The Sustainable City (DVD 1037)

This film explores ecological architecture in Europe. Cine Fete 2003

Sustaining the Earth Case Study: Eco-Village 213 (Streaming)

An examination of a sustainable community called Eco-Village in Ithaca, New York. This community strives to create a human habitat more in harmony with natural processes in which a sustainable lifestyle can be achieved in a cooperative living environment. Intelcom 2000

Surrounded by Waves (DVD 2021 and Streaming)

As wireless technology keeps expanding the debate surrounding the health impacts of electromagnetic waves keeps growing. Filmed in France, Israel, Sweden, and the United States, the new documentary SURROUNDED BY WAVES uses an elegant blend of interviews, archives, experiments and 3D animation to investigate what is known, and unknown, about the potential risks. Icarus Films, 2009

The 11th Hour (DVD 1774)

This film explores the indelible footprint that humans have left on this planet, and the catastrophic effects of environmental neglect and abuse, and calls for restorative action through a reshaping of human activity. Warner Home Video, 2008

Tapped (DVD 1581)

Is access to clean drinking water a basic human right or a commodity that should be bought and sold like any other article of commerce? Stephanie Soechtig examines the big business of bottled water. Viewers get a behind-the-scenes look into the unregulated and unseen world of an industry that aims to privatize and sell back the one resource that ought never to become a commodity: our water. Here is a powerful portrait of the lives affected by the bottled water industry.

Disinformation Co., 2010

Too Hot To Handle (DVD 1707)

Over the past 100 years, the mass consumption of fossil fuel, especially in America, has contributed to a dangerous global warming that is now beginning to adversely impact our lives and promises to do far greater damage if we continue to ignore its warning signs. This cautionary documentary offers a guide to the impacts of global warming on the U.S. and gives measures that can be taken to reverse this trend.

HBO video, 2006

Treasure Trove: Fishery Management (Streaming)

As concerns about overfishing increase, the need for effective fishery management becomes critical. The focus is on maintaining a sustainable harvest of resources. There are a number of factors that complicate that process, including the challenge of actually counting fishes, as well as predicting the future of specific fishery populations. Intelcom, 2000

Water Pollution and Industrial Nations (Streaming)

Explorer and environmentalist Jean-Michel Cousteau compares the relative impact of Third World nations and industrial nations on the marine environment. Intelcom, 2000

What You Don't Know: The Environment: A Cruel Factor in Health (Streaming)

The environment is a crucial factor in the health of an individual. Although regulations have reduced environmental pollution, many chemicals are still difficult to escape. They reside in the atmosphere that surrounds us. Health officials suspect that air pollution may be a factor in diseases such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and lung cancer. It also intensifies the breathing difficulties people with asthma experience. Intelcom, 2000

What You Don't Know...Study of Air Pollution's Effects on 5000 School-Age Children in Southern California (Streaming)

The California Air Resources Board studied the effects of air pollution on 5000 school-age children living in southern California communities. Researchers measured each child's lung development and function in relation to the air quality at home and in school as well as the outside environment. Dr. John Peters summarizes the three major findings of the study. Intelcom, 2000

What You Don't Know: The Workplace and Health Hazards (Streaming)

In decades past, the most dangerous environment was often the workplace. Stories of the health dangers associated with coal mining and radium dial painting, and other industrial hazards are legendary. As we see in this clip, it is the job of OSHA--the Occupational Safety and Health Administration--to keep workers free from health hazards by regulating their exposure. Intelcom, 2000

Who Killed the Electric Car? (DVD 1038)

This film investigates the development and demise of the fuel-efficient, environment-friendly electric car. Examines the Bush administration's role in the car's being peremptory pulled from production, the influence of the automobile industry and oil interests, and implications for the future of sustainable energy in the United States. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2006