

Municipal Engineering – 8713  
Assignment #5, Spring 2008  
Due Monday June 16th

- 1) Prepare a type written summary of 1000 words or less that is completely and solely based on the journal paper entitled “Poisoning the well: neoliberalism and the contamination of municipal water in Walkerton, Ontario. This summary should describe in your own words the factors that contributed to the Walkerton, Ontario municipal water contamination incident. The article can be obtained electronically from the Memorial University Libraries home page.

Since this paper was written 2 years after the Walkerton incident it provides a good perspective on the problems that existed around the time of the tragedy. By looking back at history and learning about the context in which the water contamination of the Walkerton water supply occurred, we will know better how to protect ourselves from such mishaps in the future.

You will be marked on the depth of your understanding of the issues that are presented in this paper, on the extent that you have been able to summarize all of the pertinent facts and on the quality of your written summary.