

## Exercise No. 3

**Evidence****Objective:**

The objectives for this exercise are for students to:

1. gain experience in dealing with and evaluating both objective (quantitative) and subjective (qualitative) kinds of evidence; and
2. Begin thinking about the section case study in concrete terms. Instructions:

This exercise is designed to get you started on your case study. By this time you should know the general issue with which you have to deal and will have been split into your stakeholder groups. The next step is to discuss your stakeholder group and determine what their likely position on the issue is likely to be. Specifically, you need to prepare a brief paper (typed, no more than two pages, single or doubled spaced) to be brought to your section next week. Be prepared to talk about your findings in class.

**Date Due:** Due in sections, either January 24 or 26.

**Individual Homework Exercise 2**

Find evidence related to your case study and evaluate its credibility. (You should identify about five different references that relate to the topic of your case study AND represent your stakeholder group's position on the argument. These need not be an exact match with your stakeholder group -- indeed for many of the cases, it may be necessary to invent a stakeholder organization that is a composite of several real groups. What is important is that you find references that accurately reflect the position of your group, and then critically evaluate the material. What evidence do they marshal to support their position? What is the chain of logic they use?) Possible sources should include scientific journal articles, official reports and the popular press, in addition to internet sources.

Make a list of things you would like to research or to know to better understand your stakeholder group.

**Grading criteria:**

A successful paper will be about 2 pages in length; it will provide a complete citation for each of the references examined; it will have a clear assessment of both the weight of the evidence and the coherence of the argument presented; and it will be free from grammatical and spelling errors.