

Senior Seminar
Environmental Studies 198

Assignment 2: Proposal Motivation and Background (10% of grade)

By next week, please upload to turnitin.com a 3 page (<800 words) draft **Proposal Motivation and Background** for your portion of the projects we developed today. Each student will hand in an individual proposal for your piece of the work of you group.

Required components of this document include:

- Brief review of the problem that motivates the research, including basic factual information, relevant statistics to demonstrate its importance
- Efforts, if any, that have been made to address the problem in the past
- A summary of previous research findings on the problem (cite sources)
- Data gaps, or information that is needed to move forward.

The last sentence of the document should be a concise statement of a feasible **Objective** of the study you are proposing to complete to fill one of these data gaps. Please cite sources for all the information you use, using either CBE or Turabian style, and include a References Cited or Bibliography section.

You must use the following sources for your work:

- 1) Review relevant agency or other credible websites for current state of the problem at hand
- 2) Conduct an appropriate literature search on your topic and identify at least 7 research articles that help you understand the problem better,
- 3) Interview at least one person who is in a position to implement results of your research to make sure the question you are asking is appropriate (please cite as personal communication.)