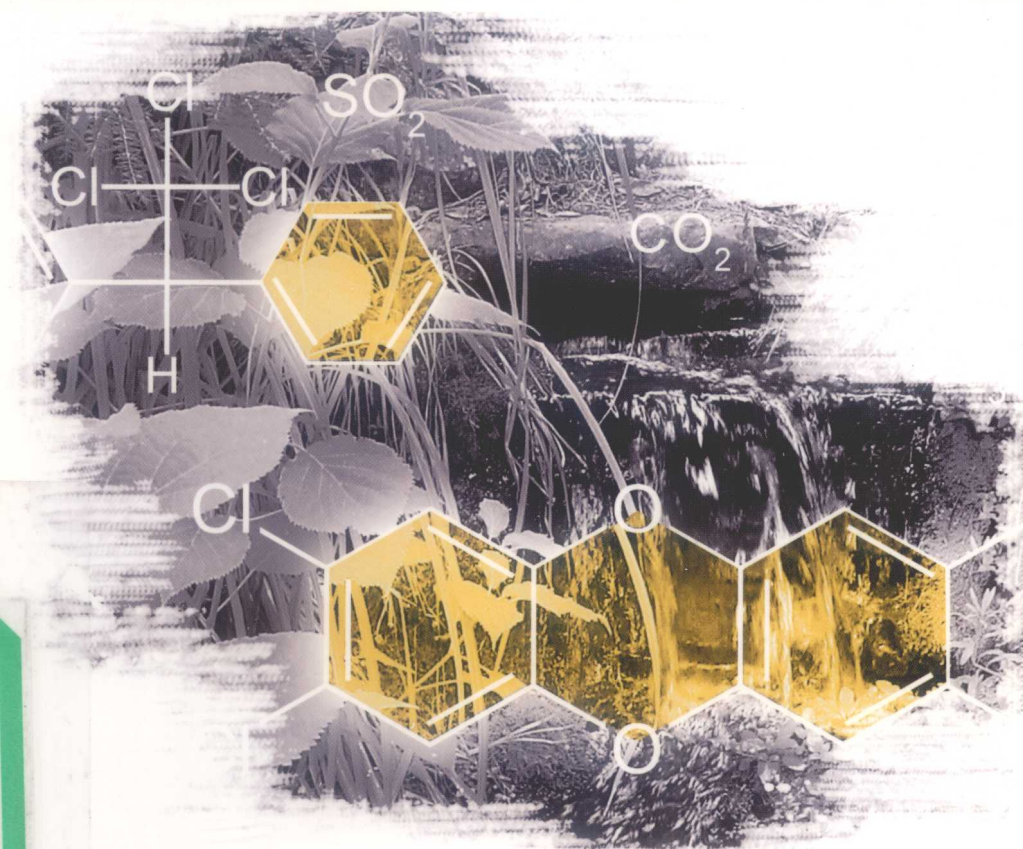


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*This edition is dedicated to Susan, the love of my life;
to my children: Kristin, Amy, Brian, Kelly, David,
and Landon; and to all my grandchildren.*

Preface

I wrote this book because of my belief that it is important for non-science-oriented students to understand the environment. It is, after all, these very individuals who will influence the course of public policy on the environment in any democracy. Many books present environmental science to the non-science student, but few look specifically into environmental chemistry. Among the numerous chemical issues that are important to any understanding of the environment around us, all of us need to have some understanding of global warming, ozone depletion, energy sources, air pollution, acid rain, water pollution, waste disposal, and hazardous waste.

To the students who will read this book, I would point out that, although this is a college text, there is no assumption of any background in chemistry. Within the text you will find all of the background information necessary to understand it. To the faculty who will use this book, I would like to note that this is a self-contained environmental chemistry text, in which students can find all of the background they need. The book is structured in such a way as to give students a background in science, chemistry, and toxicology before delving into such areas as energy in society, air quality, global atmospheric concerns, water quality, and solid waste management. The basic structure is given below:

Introduction	Chapter 1
Foundational material	Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Specific background material	Chapters 8 and 12
Environmental content chapters	Chapters 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15

The intention is that all students cover Chapters 1 to 6, with Chapter 7 strongly encouraged but not essential. All other chapters could be covered in any order, provided Chapter 8 precedes Chapters 9 and 11, and Chapter 12 precedes Chapter 13. This arrangement of material allows instructors the freedom to cover the material in a manner that can be customized to the needs of their courses.

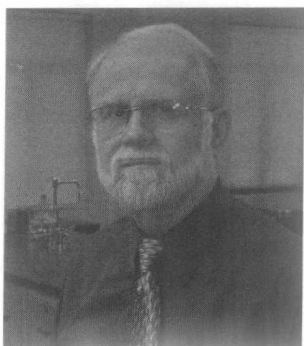
In the second edition the environmental data have been updated and material has been added concerning fracking, the Fukushima Daiichi power plant disaster, and the Deepwater Horizon oil rig blowout. Most of the homework questions have been rewritten to provide questions that require more critical thinking skills.

I have enjoyed writing this book and have tried to make it very readable for any college student. Any text, of course, can be made better. I would welcome any suggestions for improvement in or corrections to the text. I can be reached by email at jbeard@catawba.edu.

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