ASSIGNMENT: 14 - 20 March 2006

On Tuesday, 14 March 2006, you should open the weekly home page on the course web site (http://courses.dce.harvard.edu/~envre105/lectures.htm). The narrative for this week is entitled, “Discovering Our Economic Responsibilities.” Please read the narrative. You may wish to explore some of the Internet links provided in the footnotes. You should work with your classmates to find ways to integrate the content from this week with the previous weeks and help find a path to sustainable development for the “virtual” company described in the case and for the City of Cambridge (Massachusetts, USA).

After you have become basically familiar with the topic, you should read the case. Please make sure that you use the case to discuss the content. It is your opportunity to test the completeness and reality of what has been presented to you. How will the environmental, social and economic responsibilities work with the other topics presented before to help create the path to sustainable development?

Please look for the proper folder that was created for your discussion of the content with the perspective of the case. You should follow the discussion through the weekend. Should you have any problems posting or with your travel schedule during the course, please contact the teaching staff to seek a waiver or to allow you to post at a later time. You should complete your discussion on the case by Sunday, 19 March 2006. The class will be discussing this information and your ideas in the summary discussion on 20 March 2006. This is the last topic that will be covered on the mid-term exercise that will be posted on Monday, 3 April 2006 after class that evening.

Please come to the weekly discussion summary session on 20 March 2006 with what you believe best information that was posted on the discussion board during the week. If you are a distance learning student and wish to contribute to this discussion, please e-mail your suggestions to the graduate student that you have been teamed with or a member of the teaching staff on Sunday, 19 March 2006.

The book report is due on Friday, 24 March 2006. Please send it to the Instructor as a MS WORD attachment. His e-mail address is rpojasek@hsph.harvard.edu

The prospectus for the semester report/project must be sent to the Instructor on Monday, 3 April 2006. As with the book report, the prospectus should be e-mailed as a MS WORD attachment. It should only be about one page and have a brief outline of how you plan to address all the topics included in the course or how the project will be otherwise conducted as discussed in advance with the Instructor. The Instructor will NOT be available during the Spring Break to discuss the semester report/project with the students.
Once again, please feel free to contact any member of the teaching staff if you are having
problems keeping up with the pace in this case method course. As stated before, we
want this to be a pleasant experience for you. We will continue to do whatever we can to
help you get the most from this course.

Please enjoy the spring break from Friday, 24 March to Saturday, 1 April 2006.