

## GUEST EDITORIAL

The papers contained in this issue demonstrate the application of risk assessment and risk management to the study of hazardous materials. These papers, which primarily treat the chronic health risks associated with hazardous materials, concentrate on three principal areas:

- (1) Epidemiology and animal research
- (2) The (sometimes) diverse positions of different groups on the causes of induced cancer
- (3) Approaches and methodologies for assessing and managing risks

The breadth and diversity of subjects covered by these papers verify both the topical and controversial nature of hazardous materials with regard to risk assessment and risk management. It is hoped that these papers will stimulate future research and publications.

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