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Hazardous and Industrial Wastes, Proceedings of the Twenty-third Mid-Atlantic Industrial Waste Conference held June 1991, in Pittsburgh, by R.D. Neufield and L.W. Casson (Eds.), Technomic Publishing, Lancaster, PA, 1991, ISBN 87762-682-9, 417 pp., \$75.00.

Of all the environmental conferences in the United States two stand out (for me at least) as having the best (and most eagerly awaited) proceedings. The Purdue University Industrial Waste Conference now in its 46th year, and this conference which is about half of Purdue's age. To say the least, the proceedings are timely — the conference was held in Pittsburg in June 1991 and I received the proceedings in August. The editors and conference participants are to be congratulated on timeliness.

As common with similar conferences, the papers span a wide variety of topics with their quality ranging from excellent to not so good. Fortunately, the former category dominated. A total of 36 papers were published dealing with solid (and hazardous) wastes, hazardous waste site cleanup, and air and water pollution control. The papers are found in chapters in the proceedings under the titles of what I presume were the conference session titles. They are:

- Solids residues and disposal (two sessions)
- Waste refuse and minimization
- Waste transport in the environment
- Treatment and remediation (four sessions)
- Hazardous waste issues
- Air quality issues

The paper have been photoreproduced, a technique that in the past has produced poor quality books, but not so here — the increased use of computers together with their high quality printers which have excellent type font has markedly improved reproduced books. Like the Purdue Conference, the editors have an index that covers volumes from several prior years (5 years to be exact) plus this year. This aspect certainly makes the conference proceedings much more useful. Also each paper contains the address of the authors, an aspect of the publication which I find very useful.

Approximately one half dozen papers were noted as not being available at press time. Only their title and authors were listed. A suggestion for next year — publish the abstracts and authors addresses so that those wanting the papers can write directly these authors.

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