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Publisher's note

This Volume marks a milestone for *Journal of Hazardous Materials*, as Professor Gary Bennett will officially retire as Editor. Gary has been involved with the Journal since its inception, joining as Editorial Board member in 1975 and becoming active as Editor in 1980.

Gary's personal involvement with, and dedication to, the Journal has been key to its successful development. As Gary retires as Editor he will have processed in excess of one thousand submissions, which without doubt represents a significant commitment, both professionally and personally. In many cases, Gary has gone beyond the call of duty as Editor by advising and aiding authors in preparing their submissions for publication.

We would like to thank Gary sincerely for his contribution and a long, constructive and enjoyable working relationship. Thanks must also be extended to Gary's wife, Judy, who has ably assisted him by taking care of the considerable administration generated by 1000-plus submissions.

We are very pleased that Gary will continue his association with the Journal as Editorial Board member and Book Review Editor.