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## Preface to a Discussion entitled Clean technology: the idea and the practice

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Most sectors of industry and operators of public utilities are well aware of the need to improve environmental performance.

Clean technology can be introduced and the commercial case for the financial investment judged by procedures familiar to companies or agencies.

The methods by which environmental performance is assessed are evolving and so is the corresponding legislation. Life-cycle analysis may be a useful decision support tool. However, there is a need to simplify the methodology so that financial investment can be correlated with a considered view of environmental performance by individual operators. This in turn will clarify the issue of investment and performance for each sector of industry.

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