The only first-day assignment is to read the short environmental law news stories listed below. Collectively, these selections will give you an early sense of the wide-ranging issues, themes, and challenges for environmental law and policy, historically and looking to the future as the field continues to evolve.

We’ll use the following questions as starting points for our discussion of each set of readings:

*What is the environmental problem and what is causing it?*

*Who has an interest in this problem and why?*

*What does the situation described suggest about the possibilities or limits of law as a source of environmental protection?*

*What more do you want to know?*

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   https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-selects-cleanup-plan-kanawha-river-superfund-site-address-fish-contamination

2. “A Question of Environmental Racism in Flint” - N.Y. Times (Jan. 21, 2016)
   

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