Environmental Geology

Exploratory Papers

**Topic areas:**
Chose a topic that focuses on one aspect of the theme discussed in class and listed below. The paper must be based on an article from a recent newspaper (less than two weeks old) or journal (less than one month old); printouts from online services are not allowed.

**Guidelines for each paper:**
- Include a title page, thesis, abstract, body (with subheadings and figures), and reference list.
- All pages must be numbered (except for the title page; start with page number one on the first page of the text).
- The following references must be cited for each exploratory paper: Keller (2011), Tarbuck and Lutgens (2009), Miller (2010), two Internet references, and the newspaper or journal article on which the paper is based; use additional references to enhance the paper.
- Follow guidelines for writing (see the web page).
- Follow guidelines for referencing (see the web page).
- Use formal English grammar, spelling, and style (see the web page).
- Import figures appropriately into the text (see the PC Productivity Guide on the web page).
- Each paper must have at least five properly referenced figures (see writing guidelines).
- Photocopy the base article from the newspaper or journal and include it with your paper.
- Limit the paper to five pages (excluding the title page, figures, and reference list).
- Use one staple in the upper left corner.

**Due dates:**
- First paper theme: population, due 10 Feb 2011
- Second paper theme: flooding or earthquakes, due 31 Mar 2011
- Third paper theme: eustacy or water pollution, due 28 Apr 2011

**Example format of paper:**

Be sure to attach a photocopy of the newspaper or journal article to the end of the paper.