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Marine and estuarine pollution

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ABSTRACT

The results of two international marine pollution symposia held in 1979 were published. Topics included heavy metal pollution, radioactive materials, oil and related substances, pesticides, industrial and domestic pollution, environmental evaluation and management, biochemical, phyiological, genetic, and behavioral effects, pathobiology, and monitoring. Workshops were conducted that outlined current knowledge in the field and suggestions for future research.
The results of the offshore ecological investigation of 1972—1774, which studied the long-term effects of oil well drilling and production off Louisiana, were published with an independent appraisal of the study. The general conclusion was that no long-term effects of oil drilling and production could be detected in this area and natural phenomena probably have a greater impact on the ecosystem than petroleum activity.