**Portfolio Part II.** Write a second short essay that explains how you or someone could use a Catholic social teaching principle relevant to environmental justice to critique a specific instance of injustice, as well as the patterns of thought and behavior (paradigms) that give rise to inequity and injustice in the community profiled above. Due week 5b, two full pages.

This assignment builds off the research you did for Part I of the portfolio. You are not required to use the same community and environmental justice issue/narrative that you addressed in Part I, but it would obviously be less work if you already have a good handle on a specific EJ problem.

Part II of the portfolio is not a research project. Instead, it is an exercise in moral reasoning. Your essay should discuss and analyze one Catholic social teaching principle relevant to EJ, and then explain how it applies to a particular example of environmental injustice in the Central Valley. Thus, it is a persuasive essay, an essay that critiques the example of injustice. You will need to offer this critique using logical analysis and moral reasoning. The point is not to condemn a particular person or group, but rather to critique the patterns of thought and behavior that give rise to inequity and injustice in communities.

The relevant Catholic social teaching principles introduced in these two documents in your reader:

The social teaching principles are introduced in a general way in the Pope’s message, and explained in Renewing the Earth on pages 9-16. You can find more information about these at moral principles at [http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/catholicteachingprinciples.shtml#top](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/catholicteachingprinciples.shtml#top)

There are three components of moral reasoning in this assignment.
1. A description of the key empirical, factual elements of the event or circumstance of environmental injustice you are working with.
2. A description of a Catholic social teaching principle and its relevance to EJ
3. An explanation of how this event or circumstance of environmental injustice fails to fulfill the ethical standard of this principle.

Here are the steps in the execution of this assignment.
1. First read Lesson Two of my Short Course in Environmental Ethics at [http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/environmental_ethics/lesson2.html](http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/environmental_ethics/lesson2.html) Familiarize yourself with the who, when, where and how of environmental ethics.
2. Next, summarize the key points from your EJ case study, drawing from the very last part of your portfolio one. You want to describe the key empirical, factual elements of the event or circumstance of environmental injustice. You can reuse some of the same text, if it is good. However, you might want to check with me about the last part of portfolio one before you merely paste it in to this document.


4. Now pick a Catholic social teaching principle, and explain what it means. Lesson Three provides examples of how to describe an ethical principle, what means, and how it is relevant to the environment.

5. Last, explain how the event or circumstance of environmental injustice fails to fulfill the ethical standard of this principle. In other words, we all have an intuitive sense of “that’s wrong,” but this assignment asks you to persuade the reader why this event or circumstance is unethical, or unjust.