
2) Indoor Air Pollution

Indoor Air Pollution has acquired a fairly high profile during recent years. A 1991 report to the U.S. Senate⁷, entitled *Indoor Air Pollution - A Growing Problem*, concluded that considerable research must be conducted concerning sources and materials that emit harmful indoor air pollutants. As well, control strategies for biological pollutants such as molds and bacteria must be developed.

3) Environmental Audits

Environmental audits (or preacquisition site assessments or PSAs) have become an important market area for engineering and science consulting firms. This stems from concerns regarding the acquisition of contaminated property and its associated liability.

4) Operation and Maintenance Services

Operation and maintenance services in the environmental areas are also becoming increasingly important as firms contract outside parties to provide these ongoing services.

5) Solid Waste Handling

The storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste (especially solid waste) receives a very high priority in virtually all regions. Recent court rulings prohibiting inter-state barriers to transported waste will further enhance the waste handling market.

6) Water

The recycling and reuse of water will remain a high priority for decades to come. For example, the management and cleanup of contaminated groundwater and sewer overflow control are important priorities at the municipal level. Water desalination will receive increased public and private profile in coming years. The industrial wastewater treatment market also offers particularly strong market potential, where clients will essentially be purchasing solutions to existing problems. Minimizing water usage and maximizing its recycled portion is a priority in all regions and sectors.

⁷ Reports submitted to the U.S. Congress are available from the General Accounting Office (GAO) in Gaithersburg, Maryland through telephoning (202) 275-6241. Such reports are free of charge and generally cover a wide range of social, economic, legislative, and cultural areas.