a comparison of indoor radon with other radiation hazards, and nicely points out the magnitude of the problem. But this chapter could be interpreted as misleadingly endorsing nuclear power plants as safe.

Environmental Radon falls somewhere between the previously reviewed two books in content. Although this book starts, like *Indoor Radon and its Hazards*, with a basic introduction to radioactive decay, it covers the subject in more scientific detail. The main topics covered in this book are similar to those in the other two books, although, as the title suggests, the discussion does not focus in particular on radon and indoor air. Instead the book discusses a variety of topics related to radon in the environment, like radon generated from uranium mining and milling activities and from fossil fuel combustion, which are unrelated to the problems of radon and indoor air. Thus, although these are interesting topics, this book will be less useful than the other two to anyone interested in the many scientific problems associated with indoor radon. It is this specific topic that is of considerable current research interest, because of its public health aspects. In the section on sources of radon in indoor air, this book, like *Indoor Radon*, does not include a significant discussion of the dominant source, pressure-driven flow from soil gas.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

National Seminar on Recent Trends in Aquaculture

Place: Nagarjunanagar
Date: January/February 1990
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Course on DNA Analysis in Forensic Investigation

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 1–5 January 1990
Contact: Director In-charge
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National Symposium on Biophysics

Place: Calcutta
Date: 20 to 22 February 1990
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Topics to be covered are: biocrystallography; NMR in biophysical research; IR, Raman and electronic spectroscopy applied to biomolecules; quantum biology and other theoretical aspects; computer graphics and simulation of biological systems; biomolecular interactions; radiation and photobiology; membranes; medical and clinical biophysics and related studies; analytical microscopy; microbial and cellular biophysics; and biosensors. Abstracts before 20 November, registration before 15 December.