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Judges' Scoring Rubric

Content (35 points)

- 1. **Originality** 0 – 10 Pts
 - Does the idea identify a new or fresh approach to an environmental issue? (If enhancing an idea previously presented, originality will be based on improvement of idea.)

- 2. **Environmental/Disaster Preparedness Benefits** 0 – 5 Pts
 - How substantial is the environmental impact and benefit? (e.g. number of people reached and/or geographic region improved)

- 3. **Scope of Idea** 0 – 5- Pts
 - Does the idea reflect a deep understanding of the problem or issue?
 - What are the costs of labor and materials?

- 4. **Research & Development** 0 – 5 Pts
 - What kinds of research or experimentation support the idea?
 - What, if any, action has been taken?
 - Research has been cited.

- 5. **Technology Applied** 0 – 5 Pts
 - Is it feasible, innovative, sophisticated?
 - Does it comply with existing laws?
 - Are there undesirable side effects?

- 6. **Graphic Supplements** 0 – 5 Pts
 - Charts, graphs, sketches models, etc. (Graphic supplements must enhance the idea, not repeat the proposal, to be awarded points. PowerPoint presentations will only be considered a graphic supplement if they contain material that is additional to the written proposal.)

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Mechanics (20 points)

- 1. **Organization** 1 – 5 Pts
 - Clearly develops central idea
 - Well-developed paragraphs
 - Subtitles, bullets, or numbers increase readability.
 - Clear introduction and conclusion
 - Pages are numbered.
 - APA in-text citations
 - APA Reference page

- 2. **Effective Word Choice** 1 – 5 Pts
 - Precise vocabulary
 - Strong action verbs
 - Technical terms and abbreviations are defined.
 - Limits use of cliches and slang

- 3. **Sentence Structure** 1 – 5- Pts
 - Varied sentence structure
 - Avoids fragments and run-ons
 - Natural, fluent style enhances understanding of the proposal.

- 4. **Writing Conventions** 1 – 5 Pts
 - Correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, and usage.
 - Avoids indefinite “you”

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