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A concept allied to, but less stringent than, that of **zero discharge**. Zero risk permits the release to air, water, and land of those pollutants that have a **threshold dose** below which public health and the **environment** remain undamaged. Such thresholds are often difficult to determine. They may also involve a time element, as in the case of damage to vegetation by **sulfur dioxide** in which less severe fumigations over a longer period are equivalent to more severe exposures over a shorter period.

See Also

Air Quality Criteria; Pollution Control; Water Quality Standards