

Review of: "Responsible Geosciences, or Geoscience Literacy for Urbanites"

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I strongly agree with the opinion of the author that the public needs to be knowledgeable of geoscience but I do not think this paper makes the case for that. First, much of the paper consists of definitions and lists not arguments that support the basic premise of the paper. Second, the author indicates that geoscience is important to “urbanites” because of engineering considerations but “urbanites” generally do not make engineering decisions directly and also often have an inadequate understanding of engineering to make decisions about it. Third, the only example that appeared to be developed at any level was meteorology and the need for nightly updates on geoscience that are similar to our weather reports but there was no indication of what the geoscience reports should cover. I do not think this paper in its current form is likely to result in increased public understanding of geoscience.