Environmental studies Topic 1995 Chicago Heat Wave.  The second assignment is composed of an individually written report. Students will choose a disaster that has occurred in the United States that necessitated state and/or federal response. A list of potential disasters will be provided, and students must sign up for the disaster of their choice. Disasters will be listed in the Assignment folder and are on a first come basis. Other disasters may be accepted at the student’s suggestion and the discretion of the instructor. The written component will contain two sections: 1) A concise description of the event, including its social and economic impacts, and the implications for policy that occurred as a result. 2) For the second section, students will be required to clearly state what lessons were learned and what policies, procedures, and/or legislations were put into place as a result. WRITTEN REPORT The written report will be composed of two sections: (1) event overview, and (2) the outcomes. Section 1: Event Overview The first section of the report will provide a concise overview of the event, including its date and time, location, magnitude, social, physical, and economic impacts, etc. The brief should not exceed 1000 words. Section 2: Outcomes The second section is intended for students to provide a thorough review of the outcomes that occurred as a result of your chosen disaster. These can include, but are not limited to, changes in policies, procedures, and legislation; lessons learned; and changes in practice. The second section should not exceed 2000 words. NOTES Written length: The total length of the written paper should not exceed 3000 words. The intention is for you to be both thorough and precise. References: Your essay must provide at least 10 relevant, peer-reviewed references for the literature review. The more you support your essay with peer-reviewed references, the better. A good start will be to use your readings, but you should also refer to peer-reviewed journal articles and reputable websites (e.g., FEMA/DHS; Natural Resources Canada; United States Geological Survey; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). Newspaper articles, Wikipedia, blogs, and other gray literature generally do not count towards the required references. In-text citations: In-text citations should include (Author, year) for general information, and (Author, year: page number) for specific quotes and figures. Note that direct quotations should be used very sparingly!