Questions based on “Bored of the Ring”

1. What are the two characteristics that define a type of property? (look back at lecture 4, B&H chapter 3)

2. Does an Aggie Ring satisfy all the characteristics of a private good? Explain why or why not.

Questions based on the Berck and Helfand (B&H) chapter 13 pp. 474-497
(see color version of page 481 on the web)

3. Figure 13.1 describes the process through which two types of agricultural operations lead to water pollution. Government might intervene at each point in the process that is represented by a rectangular box. For either the farming of row crops or for concentrated livestock operations, what type of policy might be used in each box?

4. How can the threat of law suits lead firms to reduce their pollution?

5. What are the two feasibility criteria?

6. What is the “equimarginal principle”
7. Give an example of how an input standard might be used to reduce water pollution from agriculture (refer to Figure 13.1).

8. Give an example of how a technology or process standard might be used to reduce water pollution from agriculture (refer to Figure 13.1).

9. Give an example of how an emission or effluent standard technology might be used to reduce water pollution from agriculture (refer to Figure 13.1).

10. Give an example of how an ambient standard technology might be used to reduce water pollution from agriculture (refer to Figure 13.1).

11. Of the four types of standards, which do you think is most likely to be technologically feasible?