2 THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL

CASE STUDY

Clean air, pure water, uncontaminated ground and a safe place to live and work—these were the goals that Cristina Weiss worked toward along with the other members of her university environmental club. Now Cris is about to graduate with a degree in Safety, Health, and Environmental Management, and she will have the chance to pursue her goals in a viable career. In this respect, she has chosen to follow in her mother's footsteps. Janet Weiss had only recently retired from her job as a loss control specialist.

In the last 50 years or so, the duties of a safety, health, and environmental (SH&E) practitioner have broadened, and Cris has many more options than her mother did.

1. What are some of the issues, effects, and opportunities that are helping to expand the role of an SH&E?

2. Cris's education does not end with a diploma. What are some of the major training needs an SH&E professional will most likely have to undertake?

3. What are some of the future opportunities and challenges that Cris will likely encounter during her career?

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