From: Anna Klis
To: Jeremy Groves
Subject: RE: Help? Difficult to answer reviewer comments
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 9:25:52 AM

Hi Jeremy,

Yes, please. Revisions are supposedly due the 16th, but I'm going to ask for an extension. I thought they would be… easier to answer than this when I made my priorities judgements.

Truly,
Anna

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I am more than happy to look over this, but I need a week or two. Is that okay?
JG

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Hi Jeremy,

I've been shopping Leili's paper around, and finally had a small journal bite. But I'm completely lost as to how to answer these comments (included below). I know you're extremely busy, but can you take a look at these and advise where I even start tackling?

I haven't wanted to bother Leili with this, and re-running the regressions really isn't an option at this point. I would appreciate any thoughts you might have. I'm just having trouble picking out concrete things to actually do.

Truly,
Anna

Reviewer #1: really interesting study, addressing important social determinands. need to ensure it is calibrated to temporal changes in context. easy pickings dealt with v complex situation delays completion

narrative is generally good and focused, would be useful to have short historic analysis of public perception of contamination and clean up.

how is "clean up" defined? a bit more detail on the protocols/decison making how has this changed over time and how does this affect your assessment?

the categorization of degree of contamination - severity as highlighted plays an important part in technical challenge/complexity which will affect time but how does hazard perception feature? the better informed members of the population the more wealthy etc may have stricter view on what is acceptable? those less informed

how do you control for historic changes in technology/risk assessment?

Reviewer #2: --The topic of the article lacks novelty, and there is enormous literature in environmental economics related to the current research. Unfortunately, this manuscript has failed to bring originality and scientific vigour to the field.

--The author attempts to examine the impact of many factors on the Superfund cleanup time, and it's hard for me to judge which variable the author is most interested in. Analyzing many factors at the same time can vulnerably lead to a lack of reliability in the results.

--The relationship between the socioeconomic characteristics of communities and the duration of cleanup the present study found is correlative rather than causal, since the endogenous problem comes from multiple aspects, such as missing variables, simultaneous causality, sample selection. However, the author does not deal with the endogeneity problem systematically and convincingly.

--The author lacks a detailed explanation for the results. Such as, why households in communities with median income is more likely suffer from longer cleanup; while why those in communities with higher levels of education and voter turnout have the opposite outcome? Identifying possible underlying mechanisms is more important and interesting.

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