The Environment In our modern world, there are many factors that place the wellbeing of the planet in jeopardy. While some people have the opinion that environmental problems are just a natural occurrence, others believe that human beings have a huge impact on the environment. If measures are not taken to protect the environment, we can potentially witness the extinction of more endangered species worldwide pollution, and a completely uninhabitable planet. Global warming or climate change is a major contributing factor to environmental damage.