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**"We need knowledge
to care for
ourselves, every
part of the Earth
and the life upon
it, and all of the
future generations
as well. "**

**-The Dalai Lama
in the Sept./Oct.
EPA Journal**

NEW ITEMS AT PIC

1992: The Year of Clean Water (calendar), America's Clean Water Foundation and U.S. EPA.

The Administrator's Awards Program: Pollution Prevention Awards, December 1991, OCEPA and Pollution Prevention Division, 22K-1001.

The Next Environmental Policy: Preventing Pollution (Article by Administrator Reilly), September 1991, OCEPA, 22A-2000.

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