

BOOK REVIEW

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Environmental Forensics: A Glossary of Terms

REFERENCE: Morrison RD. *Environmental Forensics: A Glossary of Terms*, CRC Press, Boca Raton Florida, 2000, 246 pp., \$79.95.

Environmental Forensics: A Glossary of Terms, by Dr. Robert Morrison, is actually bifurcated into a glossary, containing over 3500 definitions, and 1500 acronyms and abbreviations. The book encompasses terms that are drawn from diverse, environmental forensic-related realms, including: chemistry, physics, toxicology, geology, and engineering. Typically, the definitions are one sentence long, although some are considerably longer.

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If the definition of some technical term is compressed into one sentence, critics can always quibble over what piece of information should most appropriately be narrowly fitted into the singular sentence. Morrison's definitions, although not invulnerable to reproach, should in sum help interested persons understand the technical language of environmental forensics. The author has over a quarter century experience working in the environmental field, and does a good job of providing definitions that are not themselves overloaded with hard-to-understand, technical terms.

This book should serve capably as a useful communication tool for persons whose professional work may take them into the recondite world of environmental forensics, including environmental consultants, engineers, and lawyers.