

can say if I were going to teach a course in the field, the book would be at the top of my list for a text.

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Environmental Law Handbook, by J. Gordon Arbuckle et al., Government Institute Inc., Rockville, MD, 8th edn., 1985, 586 pages, \$49.50.

Ten legal experts have contributed to this revised and updated handbook. The advertising brochure said "The Environmental Law Handbook has the reputation as one of the most useful and relevant texts in the environmental field" and I for one agree with that assessment. My copies of the prior edition are well used.

The book has the 14 chapters listed below:

1. Environmental Law Fundamentals and Common Law
2. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
3. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)
4. Toxic Substances Act
5. Safe Drinking Act
6. Air Pollution Control
7. Water Pollution Control
8. The Occupational Safety and Health Act
9. National Environmental Policy Act
10. Federal Regulation of Pesticides
11. Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act
12. Noise Control
13. Land Use: Major Issues in the Control of Industrial Development
14. Enforcement and Liabilities

Of these chapters, the three on Safe Drinking Water, Marine Sanctuaries and Civil and Criminal Liability are new. All the other chapters have been updated.

There are several features of the book (in addition to its authoritative well-written content) that makes the book useful and useable:

- A comprehensive, detailed, well-developed, 14-page table of contents at the beginning) listing the information given under each law.
- A 16-page index, by topics (at the end).
- Good size, easy-to-read type.

The one thing I did not like was abundant of footnotes; lawyers use them with abandon; engineers do not; however, this is a engineer speaking, not a lawyer.

But this is a book written by lawyers for engineers and they have done us a great service. It is a good book and should (must) be on the shelf of all practicing environmental engineers.

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