

But put those comments aside. This is a good book and though late for those “already touched”, it will be helpful to those already complying with RCRA regulations — and especially useful to new generators who have not yet entered the hazardous waste generation and control field.

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*Water Law*, 2nd ed., by William Goldfarb, Lewis Publishers, Chelsea, MI, 1988, ISBN 0-87371-111-4, 284 pp., US\$ 44.95

There is probably no topic more difficult or more boring to an engineer than environmental law – but there is no topic more important. I constantly find myself in the company of an attorney explaining to him the scientific aspects of some environmental problem and, in return, hearing from him about the legal ramifications of the same problem. It is a good and most necessary symbiotic relationship.

That is why the book of Goldfarb is so welcome. Dr. Goldfarb is Professor of Environmental Law at Rutgers University, and in addition to being a law school graduate, he has a doctorate in English, as the quality of the writing in the book demonstrates.

The book begins with an introduction covering: (1) the meaning of law, (2) law and science, (3) uses of water, (4) water resources management and (5) what is water law, and what are water rights. Following the introduction, there are 41 chapters divided into the following major sections:

- (1) Law of Water Diversion and Distribution
- (2) Water Resources Development and Protection
- (3) Nontransformational Uses and Uses that do not Change the Waterbody
- (4) Water Treatment and Land Use

The first three above areas deal mainly with water resources. The last area, wastewater treatment, contained material of major interest to me.

Just over 100 pages were devoted to the Clean Water Act, Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment, Oil and Hazardous Spills, etc. These are areas of major interest for industrial pollution (environmental) control engineers. The book deals only with United States Law, so it will have limited use outside the country.

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*Learning from Accidents in Industry*, by T. Kletz, Butterworth, London, 1988, ISBN 0-408-02696-0, 158 pp., US\$ 29.95.

The author reviews many of the major plant accidents of the past 20 years; including, Flixborough, Seveso, Bhopal, Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Aberfan. His description of the events leading to the accident and analysis of