

references cited are generally up to 1988. The same format, for each paper, has been used to typeset the book.

The book includes abbreviations, a glossary and an index. It will be difficult to use the book as a textbook. However, health scientists will find the document informative and useful for their day-to-day work.

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Environmental Data Bases: Design, Implementation and Maintenance, by Gene Y. Michael, Lewis Publishers Inc., Chelsea, MI, 1991, ISBN 0-87371-422-9, 98 pp., \$34.95.

There is a growing need to develop data bases in the environmental field. Data bases are used to identify, to solve and to manage environmental problems. This book concentrates on computerization of environmental data bases.

The book is divided in seven chapters: 1. Introduction, 2. Data requirements, 3. Data base design, 4. Software, 5. Hardware, 6. Other considerations, and 7. Personal references.

Chapter 1 discusses the need to develop data bases and their use in modeling, monitoring and regulatory matters. Chapters 2, 3 and 4 concentrate on basic design, data base terminology and choices of data base management systems. Hardware requirements are given in Chapter 5. Practical questions which arise during the development and operation of a data base are briefly reviewed in Chapters 6 and 7.

The book is useful for those who have no knowledge of computers and data base management system technology. The discussion of major data base projects will be helpful for readers. A list of references may be included in a future edition of the book.

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Active and Passive Smoking Hazards in the Work Place, by Judith A. Douville, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, NY, 1990, ISBN 0-442-00167-3, 221 pp., \$29.95.

Everyone talks about restrictions on smoking in the work place. Do you want to get some information on this topic? This book will provide you with some help.

There are seven chapters in the book: 1. Active and passive smoking, 2. Work place hazards of smoking, 3. Employer considerations and workplace smoking, 4. Work place restrictions on smoking: decisions and policy making, 5. Costs