

State Asbestos Programs. Related to the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. A Survey of State Laws and Regulations, September 1992. Compiled by D. Farquhar, published by National Conference of State Legislatures, 1560 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202, 1992, ISBN-1-55516-494-3, 358 pp. (paperback), \$65.00.

This most useful book results from the fifth survey conducted by the National Conference of State Legislatures in the individual states with respect to the policies of each toward asbestos programs. For those readers who are in a hurry, there are charts in the front of the book outlining the requirements of each state toward inspections, management plans, accreditation and training programs for asbestos removal or remediation, comparisons of U.S. EPA and state regulations, abatement standards, enforcement, monitoring/sampling, funding and other programs in the asbestos area. For more thorough study, there is a section for each state in which the policies/requirements outlined in the preliminary charts are discussed in detail. This portion also has tables on certification programs in each state, a necessity for any organization interested in working on asbestos removal. The material also allows a ready comparison of regulations in any one state versus those in others. Some of the differences between the states are summarized briefly in the "Survey Summary" at the beginning of the book. This volume should be required reading for all organizations and individuals involved in asbestos programs. Another useful item which adds to the value of the book is a listing of the knowledgeable individuals in each state who furnished the information. Plans are to update the volume in 1994 if funding is then available.

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Environmental Engineering Dictionary, by C.C. Lee, Government Institutes, Rockville, MD, 1992, ISBN 0-86587-328-3, 462 pp. (hardcover), \$88.00.

This book is a comprehensive second edition dictionary containing definitions of more than 12,000 technical and regulatory engineering terms used in pollution control technologies, monitoring, risk assessment, sampling and analyses, quality control, and environmental engineering and science. Origins of many of the definitions are provided; approximately 300 references are given as sources of the definitions. Over 20 pages of acronyms (exceeding 1200 entries) are given.

The definitions (at least the ones I need) are excellent and the book should well serve the information needs of both scientists and laymen.

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