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Preface

The purpose of this book is to give an up-to-date statement of the law controlling pollution as it affects the setting up and operation of industrial enterprises. It is intended as a working tool and reference for the plant manager who is responsible for meeting legal constraints and standards while avoiding costly process or operational changes; and equally for the local authority or other responsible officer who must administer law which is to a large extent still in the early stages of interpretation and application. Many lawyers who are not specialists in this field may also find it useful.

The book deals with legislation directly concerned with the various problems generally accepted as coming under the rather loosely defined heading of 'pollution'—disposal of waste, water pollution, noise, air pollution and so on—as in force on 1 January 1979. Related matters such as public health generally, land drainage and water supply, which are complex subjects in their own right, are not dealt with; nor is the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, except where it deals with the control of atmospheric pollution. 'Industrial health and safety' aspects of air pollution, noise and waste disposal are left to books specialising in this area. However, the exclusion of these topics is not to be taken as an intention to minimise their importance or indicate that there are no controls over them.

Town and country planning legislation and the legal controls over radioactive materials are only briefly discussed: the former subject is too broad to allow more than certain directly relevant matters to be dealt with, while in the latter the law is of a highly technical nature. Similarly, the construction and use of motor vehicles is dealt with only briefly.

Given the complexity of the legislation, the book itself is inevitably detailed and complex; nevertheless, it is believed that it will meet a need as a straightforward exposition of 'what the law is' with regard to the control of industrial pollution.

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