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## PREFACE

A complex body of environmental laws, regulations, and decisions is now established in the United States. The environmental law segment which evolved quickly, now ranks with labor, tax, banking, communications, and several other fields as an accepted part of our legal system.

As the field has matured so have our publishing efforts. We at Government Institutes are extremely proud that our *Environmental Law Handbook*, the first such comprehensive text in the field and now in its seventh edition, has become a standard reference in the field. As the environmental law field has evolved so has our publishing activities, although this Handbook is the "flagship" of our environmental publishing efforts. We now offer a wide range of companion books. Two books, *Environmental Statutes* and *Environmental Glossary* are viewed as integral companions of this Handbook. The *Environmental Statutes* book reproduces all the major laws that are described and analyzed in this Handbook. The *Environmental Glossary* provides several thousand definitions from the statutes and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). As you read this Handbook you will learn of the importance of definitions; in many cases the statutory or regulatory definition differs in some respect from the generally accepted meaning of a term. This *Environmental Glossary* has become an important reference with numerous definitions at your fingertips. I believe that those in the environmental field will find our series of three basic books--*Environmental Law Handbook*, *Environmental Statutes* and *Environmental Glossary*—invaluable desk references.

Inquiries on these books and our other publications in the field are invited because our job is to satisfy the informational needs of our clients.

I sincerely hope that our efforts help bring about a better understanding of the environmental laws, regulations and decisions. More importantly, we wish to encourage compliance with the spirit of the law so that public health and the environment are protected now and for future generations.

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