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## **PREFACE**

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### **WHAT'S NEW**

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Regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations reflect amendments as published in the Federal Register through Volume 90, Number 20240 (May 13, 2025).

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# INTRODUCTION

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We designed this book to provide quick yet comprehensive references to federal environmental statutes, regulations and cases. We have included the complete text of the vast majority of federal environmental statutes, including both pollution and natural resource statutes. We also included the complete text of the regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the relevant provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (rulemaking, adjudication and judicial review) and the Equal Access to Justice Act (governing attorney fees), and key constitutional provisions such as the Commerce Clause and the Takings Clause. For each statute and constitutional provision, we have included relevant references to the Code of Federal Regulations, related federal laws, leading federal cases, and important law review articles. No other desk reference book provides as extensive annotations to federal regulations and cases.

The book has several important features:

**Organization.** We arranged the statutory materials by United States Code Title, each Title containing several Acts. The Table of Contents contains both the common Act name and the United States Code chapter number for ease of reference. Where relevant, each statutory heading is followed by the appropriate Act section number. We included running heads containing the statutory names and Act section numbers to help you quickly find the statute and cross references you need.

**Statutory Summaries.** We wrote a detailed summary of the major provisions of each chapter. These introductions give you an overview of the statutes as well as a roadmap to specific provisions.

**Annotations.** We provided extensive annotations and cross references to related federal laws, federal regulations, important federal cases, and leading law review articles.

**Subject Matter Index; Table of Cases.** We included a comprehensive Index and Table of Cases to direct you to the relevant statutory provisions.

We hope you will find this book helpful and easy to use. We will update the book annually. If you are working on California environmental matters, we hope you will pick up a copy of our other book, *Dwyer and Bergsund California Environmental Laws Annotated*, which is also available from Thomson Reuters. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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