

Highlights of the 2026–2027 Edition

This 2026–2027 Edition of *State and Local Government Environmental Liability* includes updated coverage throughout the treatise of recent legislative and regulatory actions. The new 2026–2027 Edition includes:

- Updated information regarding the EPA’s proposed rule further redefining “waters of the United States” to clarify applicability to ditches, wastewater treatment systems and cropland as well as creating a new test for jurisdictional waters, excluding groundwater;
- Update on the EPA issuance of a revised final NPDES general permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities;
- Update on the EPA’s advance notice of proposed rulemaking to seek feedback on potential amendments to the 2024 implementing regulations for Clean Water Act Hazardous Substance Facility Response Plans;
- Update on the EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management’s new guidance for lead contamination at residential properties at CERCLA sites and RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program Facilities;
- Update on an Executive Order issued on Jan. 20, 2025, freezing all pending regulations, including those associated with new standards for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances;
- As well as many other important changes to case law, environmental regulations and enforcement proceedings.