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Foreword

For many practitioners, the Environmental Law Institute's last edition of the *Superfund Deskbook* is still a daily companion even though it is over 20 years old. In a sense, this is not at all surprising. Given the complexity and confusion that surrounds Superfund law and policy, a single volume that combines analysis and key statutory and policy materials is extremely useful. But my colleagues at ELI have been sensitive to the fact that Superfund law and policy has continued to evolve, so a revised text and a new selection of materials became an imperative. With this new edition, I am confident that the past tradition of having the deskbook close at hand will continue for many years into the future. ELI was lucky to enlist a skilled team from Arnold & Porter LLP to prepare the analysis and help select the key materials, and they have done a superb job. Here you have in one place the most important materials you need to answer your questions and jump-start your research.

For a practitioner, Superfund is not only about the legal scheme associated with who is liable and which company pays how much, but increasingly about the nuts and bolts of remediating and/or redeveloping a contaminated site. This edition, therefore, goes beyond the legal issues relating to liability, defenses, and cost recovery/contribution, although it addresses the evolving law on these topics, and also addresses the process and issues involved in developing and implementing a remedy and in redeveloping a contaminated site. The goal of this addition was to assist a practitioner in contaminated site cleanup.

As a national environmental research and publishing organization dedicated to the development of more effective and more efficient environmental protection and pollution control programs, the Environmental Law Institute takes pride in the publication of this book. It will be an invaluable addition to ELI's other reference works. This book stands as a testament to ELI's commitment to fostering a better understanding of the major environmental statutes and is a continuing manifestation of ELI's commitment to serve the professional pollution control community with authoritative information it can use in the interest of better managing our natural resources.

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