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Bibliogov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 172 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.4in. GAO reviewed and combined the findings of several studies on issues affecting national water quality policies and assessed the technical strength of their methodologies, focusing on: (1) the present condition of the nations water quality; (2) how the water quality has changed over time; (3) what pollution sources degrade water quality; and (4) the effect of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Construction Grants Program on water quality. GAO found that: (1) some of the nations water is of fairly good quality, while other water remains polluted; (2) pollution control efforts have reduced the discharge of conventional water pollutants from sources of focused pollution; (3) there was no change in water quality for most of the rivers examined; (4) the water quality in many rivers and streams has remained the same despite population and economic growth; (5) sources of diffused water pollution may degrade more stream-miles than sources of focused pollution; and (6) although the Construction Grants Program has reduced the discharge of pollutants from wastewater treatment plants, there is no data on its effect on in-stream pollutants. GAO also found that...



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