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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In response to a congressional request, GAO reviewed the Environmental Protection Agency s (EPA) Region X to determine: (1) how well EPA and the states implemented Clean Water Act requirements to clean up rivers that did not meet water quality standards after construction of treatment plants; and (2) what actions EPA and Oregon took to set stricter pollution limits on the Tualatin and South Umpqua Rivers. GAO found that: (1) many states and EPA did not develop total maximum daily loads (TMDL) for many of the nation s most polluted waters; (2) EPA did not track development and implementation of TMDL for individual water segments or TMDL effectiveness in meeting state water quality standards; (3) state officials did not plan to set TMDL for water-quality-limited segments beyond their existing plans because they preferred to use the funds to implement 1987 legislative water quality requirements; (4) although limited budgets and increased water pollution control requirements imposed difficulties on EPA and states, TMDL requirements provided a comprehensive approach to resolving all water pollution problems; (5) setting maximum levels could help...



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