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# Foreword

The Environmental Law Institute is pleased to offer the second edition of the *TSCA Deskbook* as an invaluable resource to understanding an increasingly vital, yet complex area of environmental law and policy. Because the Toxic Substances Control Act governs a specialized area of environmental law, its uses and its potential are extremely important. And, because TSCA is frequently the subject of legislative reform effort, it is critical that everyone understand one of our oldest statutes. To do so, however, requires both an ambitious analytical analysis and special supplementary materials to understand the many nuances and difficulties in a statute that covers highly specialized issues of science, law, policy, and risk management.

Thanks to the skill, insight, and dedication of a determined group of the expert authors, this newest edition of *TSCA Deskbook* makes TSCA both accessible and understandable. It begins with a “Practitioner’s Guide” for the Act, offering the insight and expertise of some of the most experienced TSCA practitioners. These individuals, as private practitioners and former agency officials, are intimately familiar with the operation, complexities, and nuances of this area of law. The authors describe in plain English what the Act’s different sections mean and how they fit into the larger context of environmental regulation. The Deskbook also provides the full text of the Act and key EPA regulations, policies, and guidance documents.

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