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NEW BOOK GIVES INSIGHT ON COPING WITH OIL AND CHEMICAL SPILLS

Spills of oil and other hazardous substances pose many problems for the people who must try to contain and clean up the pollution. Where is serious environmental damage most likely to occur? What will happen if a hazardous chemical spills into a river? How will wildlife be affected by chemicals used to disperse spilled oil?

These are among the issues discussed in a new book published by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The book, Proceedings of the 1979 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pollution Response Workshop, highlights the latest scientific research about the biological and physical impacts of oil and hazardous substances and examines state-of-the-art technology forpollution containment and cleanup. The book also examines many other aspects of pollution response, such as documenting spill damage for legal purposes, estimating the dollar value of damaged resources, and working with volunteers, the news media, and others in crisis situations.

The 218-page Proceedings is a compilation of papers presented by pollution response experts at a training session for Fish and Wildlife Service employees. The Service provides technical assistance during pollution incidents that threaten fish and wildlife or their habitats.

The book provides valuable information for Federal, State, and local officials; industry representatives; and others who are responsible for responding to pollution incidents involving oil and other hazardous substances. It is available for $5.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (stock number 024-010-00531-9).

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