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Environmental health engineering in the tropics: an introductory text.

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Abstract : The second edition of this book is as welcome now, when the developing world is trying to meet the goals of Safe Water 2000, as the first edition was doing the same for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade.

Lessons learnt during the Decade are clearly expounded: how to involve co how to develop sound policies and strategies for implementing water and s programmes, and so on.

The new chapter on surface water drainage is a welcome addition, and was given more prominence following the extensive international activity in this in the late 1980s. But the section on small-bore sewerage is altogether too than a page), and no mention is made of shallow sewerage which is possible important technical development of the Decade: better service at lower cos sanitation (depending on population density), and often the only solution in urban slums or low-income areas where access is poor. Nor does the secti stabilization ponds reflect the advances made since the first edition on our i of ponds and how best to design them. Despite these criticisms, the book is readable exposition of the principal topics in this globally important area, an large audience of medical and engineering students as well as practitioners [This review originally appeared in *Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 193-194 and is reprinted with the editor's permission.]
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