Despite having been published about two years ago for the first time, the continuous demand for this book encouraged me to prepare this revised and enlarged edition. Many parts of the text have been rewritten, type errors traced and corrected, and the bibliography largely modified to include many of the references published about the subject of soil pollution in the previous ten years.

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I hope that, in this new edition, the book may continue to serve the needs of students and professionals alike interested in the subject of soil pollution.

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