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## Taking Action, Saving Lives: Our Duties to Protect Environmental and Public Health

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Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.In the United States alone, industrial and agricultural toxins account for about 60,000 avoidable cancer deaths annually. Pollution-related health costs to Americans are similarly staggering: \$13 billion a year from asthma, \$351 billion from cardiovascular disease, and \$240 billion from occupational disease and injury. Most troubling, children, the poor, and minorities bear the brunt of these health tragedies. Why, asks Kristin Shrader-Frechette, has the government failed to protect us, and what can we do about it? In this book, at once brilliant and accessible, Shrader-Frechette reveals how politicians, campaign contributors, and lobbyists-and their power over media, advertising, and public relations-have conspired to cover up environmental disease and death. She also shows how science and regulators themselves are frequently captured by well-funded polluters and special interests. But most important, the author puts both the blame-and the solution-on the shoulders of ordinary citizens. She argues that everyone, especially in a democracy, has a duty to help prevent avoidable environmental deaths, to remain informed about, and involved in, public-health and environmental decision-making. Toward this end, she outlines specific,...


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