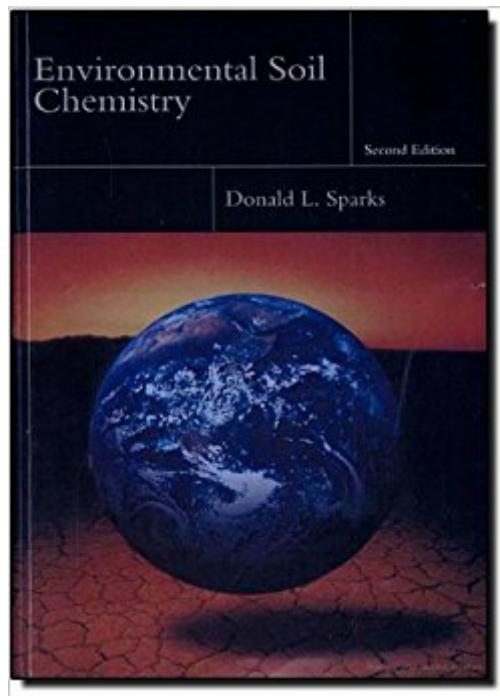


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Environmental Soil Chemistry Second Edition By Donald L. Sparks
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Clearly and concisely written for undergraduate and beginning graduate students of soil science, Environmental Soil Chemistry, 2nd Edition is accessible to all students and professionals of environmental engineering and science. Chapters cover background information useful to students new to the discipline, including the chemistry of inorganic and organic soil components, soil acidity and salinity, and ion exchange and redox phenomena. Discussion also extends to sorption/desorption, oxidation-reduction of metals and organic chemicals, rates of pollutant reactions as well as technologies for remediation of contaminated soils. New to the 2nd Edition is discussion of several important developments in soil chemistry such as synchrotron-based spectroscopic & microscopic techniques and molecular environmental science. Supplementary reading lists, sample problems, and extensive tables and figures make this textbook accessible to readers.

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 - o Oxidation-reduction of metals and organics
 - o Effects of acidic deposition and salinity on contaminant reactions
 - o Molecular environmental science including synchrotron radiation, and spectroscopic and microscopic techniques
-  Boxed sections focus on sample problems and explanations of key terms and parameters
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 Clearly written for all students and professionals in environmental science and environmental engineering as well as soil science

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Professor Donald L. Sparks has managed to write an excellent and up-to-date book on important topics related to environmental soil chemistry. The book covers all the essential subjects needed for an in-depth understanding of all the complex soil processes that control the fate and transport of both inorganic and organic contaminants in the environment. The book also includes good descriptions of state-of-the-art instrumentations used in environmental soil chemistry such as synchrotron radiation-based X-ray techniques. I use this book in my course entitled "Soil and Environmental Chemistry" and the book has the perfect length for a one semester course and the students like it. I can highly recommend this book for both undergraduate and graduate students as well as professionals. Dr. Thomas Borch
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