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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 22 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in.GAO discussed the Environmental Protection Agencys (EPA) efforts to minimize pesticide groundwater contamination, focusing on its: (1) assessment of pesticides leaching potential; (2) regulation of pesticides that may leach into groundwater; and (3) consideration of human exposure to pesticides in groundwater when setting and reviewing limits for pesticide residues in food. GAO noted that: (1) EPA needed to take more initiative in ensuring the minimization of pesticide contamination; (2) EPA was slow in reviewing scientific assessments of pesticides potential to leach into groundwater, resulting in the unavailability of detailed information concerning leaching factors to pesticide applicators; (3) EPA was slow in reassessing older pesticides; (4) while EPA sometimes used available regulatory measures, it could do more to help prevent further groundwater contamination; (5) EPA assessment of pesticide-contaminated food risks did not routinely consider additional exposure that could result from pesticide-contaminated groundwater, resulting in a lack of assurance that EPA set pesticide tolerances low enough to protect public health; and (6) EPA planned to implement a new program assigning states a major role in managing pesticide use to minimize groundwater contamination, but...

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