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in industry, and within the federal government. Using a policy and institutional approach, the authors demonstrate the ways in which the NRC has had to simultaneously absorb significant budgetary and personnel cuts and become, in its own structure and operations, an innovating institution that helps support and facilitate an innovating Canadian economy - one increasingly characterized by knowledge-based industries. By reconfiguring itself in terms of its institutional mix of hierarchies, networks, and markets, the NRC has had to confront and change its own traditions, yet maintain itself as a complex government agency that still values research for its own sake as a public good.
