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They play an important role in the environmental regulatory state. With data collected from more than 1,300 inspectors across 20 states, Michelle C. Pautz and Sara R. Rinfret take a closer look at these neglected actors to better understand how environmental regulators perceive the regulated community and how they characterize their interactions with them. In doing so, they explore the role these front-line actors play, what it is like to be them, what they think of their place in the environmental regulatory system, and how they interact with the regulated community. An original, timely and unmatched volume advancing the debate on the future of environmental regulation in the U.S"--

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