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## Sommario/riassunto

Environmental technology plays an increasingly important role in today's world. This has led to many new developments in legislation and monitoring of environmental pollutants. A comprehensive treatment of these current trends is presented in this book. The reader is helped by a sound understanding of modern instrumental methods such as GC/MS, thermal desorption and purge-trap methods, that are available to meet these legal requirements. Many practical applications assist familiarization with these techniques. This work pays particular attention to methods of monitoring different types