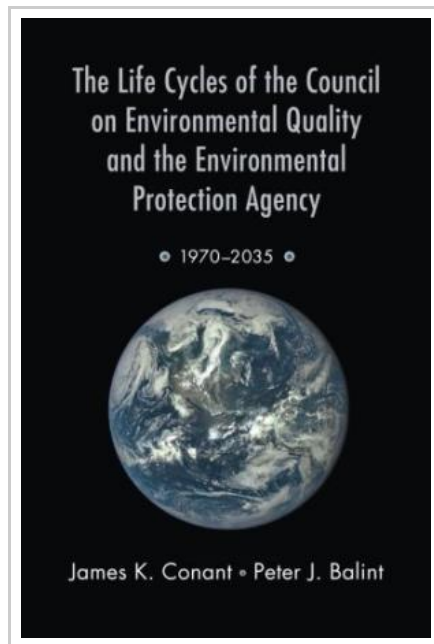




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about the environment grew rapidly, as did Congressional
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national government's efforts to control the volume and types of
substances that pollute the air, water, and land. In that year,
President Richard Nixon signed into law the National
Environmental Policy Act, which established for the first time a
national policy on the environment and created the Council on
Environmental Quality (CEQ). Additionally, President Nixon
created, with Congressional support, the Environmental
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