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*Junking the “Junk Science” Law: Reforming the Information Quality Act*

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The author identifies and discusses problems created by the Information Quality Act (IQA). The Article recommends a repeal of the IQA or reforms to address the problems identified. First, the Article discusses the role of laws governing information collection and distribution in environmental regulation and the impact of the Internet on information disclosure. In Part II, the Article identifies problems created by the IQA, such as reduced public participation, decreased quality of disclosed information, and reduced efficiency of information disclosure programs.

In Part V of the Article, the author suggests that the best way to resolve the problems created by the IQA is to repeal it. Because repeal is unlikely, however, the author suggests clarifications, amendments, and reforms to the IQA that would improve the current situation. Despite the likely disadvantages of ossifying rulemaking and reducing agency notice and comment rulemaking, the author contends that the proposed changes would improve the current state of the IQA's affect on environmental regulation.