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*Images of some of our Nation's environmental disasters are all too easy to recall: blackened beaches, oil soaked birds and marine mammals struggling for life, and chemically-poisoned fish littering the shoreline.*

*Equally serious, but not as dramatic, is the more subtle damage to wildlife populations from other sources, such as pollutants that interfere with reproduction or disrupt complex ecological relationships. Preventing these problems, measuring the effects when they do occur, and directing restoration activities comprise a huge undertaking. Within the Fish and Wildlife Service, the responsibility rests with the Environmental Contaminants Program. In this edition of the Bulletin, we take a look at some of the efforts to ensure a safe environment for wildlife and people alike.*



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#### *On the Cover*

Monitoring water quality helps biologists detect contaminants in aquatic habitats that may not be obvious to casual observers.

*Photo by Keith Weller/USFWS*

#### *Opposite page*

The bald eagle, once decimated by the pesticide DDT, has rebounded thanks to the ban on this chemical and by Endangered Species Act protection of nesting habitats.

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