

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ANALYSIS:

LAW, LEGISLATION, RULEMAKING

Environmental Law Net <http://www.EnvironmentalLawNet.com/>
(Use this site to find the text of legislation)

Environmental Law on the Web <http://www.llrx.com/columns/environment.htm>
(An annotated guide to several excellent research tools related to environmental law and policy)

THOMAS: Legislative Information on the Internet <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
(Provides access to bill summaries and status, Congressional Record, and lots more)

Environment and Energy Daily <http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily.htm>
(This subscription service, which tracks Congressional activity, has a free-trial option for short-term use)

National Conference of State Legislators--Environmental Health Legislation database <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/environ/envHealth/cehdb.htm>
(A searchable database on state legislation on topics such as asthma, mercury, lead poisoning, pesticides and indoor air quality. Provides status and summaries of current legislation).

Regulations.gov <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main>
Web portal with a search engine for finding, reviewing, and commenting on federal regulations and other actions of federal agencies. Includes links to access documents currently open for public comment.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Congressional Research Service reports on environmental topics
<http://cnie.org/NLE/CRS/>
(CRS provides background reports for members of Congress on current legislative issues; extremely useful summaries of legislative history; more than 100 reports on environmental topics, searchable by key word)

GAO reports <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gaoreports/index.html>
(The Government Accountability Office conducts investigations and audits of federal programs for Congress; reports searchable by topic)

Resources for the Future <http://www.rff.org/>

(Environmental economics think tank emphasizing cost-benefit analysis, comparative risk assessment, related techniques)

World Resources Institute <http://www.wri.org>

(WRI is an environmental think tank with a global focus; specializes in policy-analytic reports about global resource and environment issues; online 'Earth Trends' database of global environmental indicators)

Global Footprint Network

<http://www.footprintnetwork.org/>

(Advances the scientific rigor and practical application of the Ecological Footprint, a tool that quantifies human demand on nature, and nature's capacity to meet these demands)

Statistical Abstract of the United States

<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

This annual compendium from the U.S. Census Bureau is an extraordinary source of data on all sorts of socioeconomic, environmental, and cultural data. If you haven't browsed through this data, you don't really know America!

RESEARCH GUIDES FROM UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

University of British Columbia research page on environmental policy

<http://toby.library.ubc.ca/subjects/subjpage1.cfm?id=243>

(A useful page from one of Canada's top universities, with some great links to databases, organizations, etc.)

University of Illinois Environmental Studies Virtual Library

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/envi/>

(Contains an environmental policy research guide with some useful information on environmental dictionaries, journals, and web resources)

Harvard University Environmental Policy Research Guide

<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/library/research/guides/?guide=environment>

(Useful compendium of print and online resources)

Bucknell Environmental Law and Policy Research Guide

http://www.departments.bucknell.edu/enviro_studies/policy&law/research.html

(Including links to several useful legal databases)

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS, OPINION, AND COMMENTARY

[BBC News--Science/Nature web page](#)

[Earthbeat Radio](#)

[IISD Linkages](#)

[Earth Negotiations Bulletin \(ENB\) by the International Institute for Sustainable Development \(IISD\)](#)

[Environmental News Network \(ENN\)](#)

[Environment News Service \(ENS\)](#)

[ENDS Europe Daily—European environmental news](#)

[Grist](#)

[Mother Earth News](#)

[Orion Magazine](#)

[Plenty Magazine](#)

[Reuters World Environment News by Planet Ark](#)

[WorldChanging](#)

ADVOCACY AND CITIZEN ACTIVISM

Environmental advocacy groups

<http://www.ams-awma.org/enviros.htm>

(Site includes a list of several prominent environmental organizations)

Scorecard <http://scorecard.org>

(Scorecard is a citizens' information tool on environmental hazards, with a searchable database by industry and location—a great source to zero in on local pollution problems)

Redefining Progress <http://www.rprogress.org/> and **Center for a New American Dream** <http://www.newdream.org/>

(Two NGOs focused on consumption, work, sustainability, and quality-of-life issues)

Environmental Law Institute <http://www.eli.org/>

INTERNATIONAL

U.N. Environment Programme

<http://www.unep.org>

U.N. Division for Sustainable Development

<http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/index.shtml>

International Institute for Sustainable Development

<http://www.iisd.org/default.asp>

(IISD operates the Earth Negotiations Bulletin, which monitors international negotiations and global conferences)

Center for International Environmental Law

<http://ciel.org/>

(CIEL is an environmental advocacy group with an international legal focus)

ECOLEX <http://www.ecolex.org/>

(An environmental law information service operated jointly by the UN Environment Program, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, and the World Conservation Union/IUCN. Searchable database of national legislation and international treaties).

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov>

U.S. Council on Environmental Quality (White House)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq>

(CEQ is a good source for the official description of administration initiatives, particularly interagency activities that are otherwise hard to track; site also has several useful links)

U.S. Department of the Interior

<http://www.doi.gov/>

U.S. Department of Energy

<http://www.energy.gov/>

US Dept of Energy, Energy Information Administration

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/>

(EIA is the official source for U.S. energy data; lots of accessible data)

State and local government links

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/stategov/stategov.html>

(This resource page from the Library of Congress provides links to individual state and local governments across the US, as well as to umbrella organizations such as the National Conference of State Legislators and the National Association of Counties)