



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES Selected Resources

✧ This handout was created to assist in locating state environmental information and issues, but may also be used by those interested in many environmental subjects. If you need additional information, please consult a reference librarian.

✧ Find Books In The Catalog

Books can be located by using a Keyword Search or a Subject Heading Search in **Voyager**, the Library's online catalog. A Keyword Search may retrieve the largest set of records on your topic.

Tip: Omit searching on the name of the specific state. Instead, search broadly as shown in the examples below and check the index of the book for possible references to your state. Use a plus sign + in front of your keywords to show that they are required terms.

Sample Searches

Keyword:

+states +pollut?
"united states" +pollution
+environment? +poli?

Subject Heading:

environmental degradation
wetland conservation
environmental policy california

Tip: In a Keyword Search, the question mark ? placed after the root word will find all endings with that root. **Example:** +poli? will also find: political or politics, policy or policies and all endings that may occur as part of the root word.

✧ Find Articles Using Online Databases

The library has subscriptions to several online databases that provide access to many full text articles from newspapers, periodicals and government documents. Some databases to check:

ProQuest

Newsbank

SIRS (Social Issues Resources Series)

Some sample searches for **Proquest:**
colorado and pollut*
arkansas and conservation
new york and acid rain

Tip: In Proquest the truncation symbol is the asterisk *. A plus sign + is **not** used in front of words.

✧ Find Internet Resources:

<http://www.epa.gov> = U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/watershed/envsites> = EPA published sites with links to state information.

✧ **Print Indexes.** Located on index tables in the Reference Room.

Christian Science Monitor Index New York Times Index

General Science Index Social Sciences Index

Los Angeles Times Index

▣ **Atlases.** Located in the Reference Room.

Ref G1021 .K46 1991 The New State of the World Atlas.
Ref G1046 .G3 L421 1990 Atlas of the Environment.
Ref G1200 .M355 1990 Contemporary Atlas of the United States.
Ref G1201 .G3 M3 1990 Atlas of United States Environmental Issues.
Ref G1526 .D1 K7 1991 California: An Environmental Atlas & Guide.
Ref GE1 .E19 Earth Journal: Environmental Almanac & Resource Directory
Ref HC79 .E5 E363 The Gaia Atlas of Green Economics.
Ref RA566.3 .G65 1991 The Truth About Where You Live.

▣ **Other Sources.** Located in the Reference Room or at the Reference Desk. May not be checked out.

Ref Desk F856 .C2 California Almanac.
Ref GE10 .D37 1993 Environmental Literacy.
Ref GE10 E53 2003 Encyclopedia of the Environment
Ref Desk GE10 .E57 1994 Environmental Encyclopedia.
Ref GE10 .F73 1992 Green Encyclopedia.
Ref GE10 M38 1991 McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of the Environment
Ref GE 140 D383 1998 Environmental Disasters
Ref Desk GE 150 H352 1991 Green Index: a State by State Guide to the Nation's Environmental Health
Ref GE 197 G76 1994 The Environmental Movement
Ref GF 503 R57 1990 Risks and Hazards: a State by State Guide
Ref H35 .E35 The CQ Researcher (formerly Editorial Research Reports)
Ref HA 203 G34 1994 Gale State Rankings Reporter
Ref Desk HA 203 S73 State Rankings
Ref Desk HA 214 C72 2000 CQ's State Fact Finder

Ref HC10 .W827 World Resources.
Ref Desk HC 110 E5 C68 1996 Resource Guide to State Environmental Management
Ref PN6084 .N2 D53 1992 A Dictionary of Environmental Quotations.
Ref RA 565 S5 Where You Live May be Hazardous to Your Health
Ref TD170 .S84 1992 The Environmental Sourcebook.
Ref TD171 .U56 Access EPA.
Ref TD176.4 .I54 1994 Environmental Almanac
Ref TD180.S675 1992 Statistical Record of the Environment.
Ref Desk California Journal.
Index Table Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report.
Index Table Editorials on File.

▣ **Series** Located in the stacks and may be checked out.

TD169 .U53a Environmental Quality.
HC59 .S734 State of the World.

Need further assistance? Ask the Reference Librarian.