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## Environmental Resources on the World Wide Web

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I would like to acknowledge my main sources of information at the beginning of the column so that any readers who would like to subscribe to these may do so.

I rely in my subscription to the list, EnvPubs-L, published by Tom Parris, Environmental Resources Librarian, Godfrey Lowell Cabot Science Library, Harvard College Library. This timely update of publications, web sites, newsletters, and other resources is valuable to anyone studying environmental topics. TO subscribe to the list, send a message to [listproc@environment.harvard.edu](mailto:listproc@environment.harvard.edu) containing the line SUBSCRIBE EnvPubs-L Your Name.

Another valuable source is Fred Stoss, Biological Sciences Librarian at the Science and Engineering Library, SUNY University at Buffalo. Fred maintains a list for the Task Force on the Environment of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Roundtable. In order to subscribe, send a note with

"subscribe tfoe" in the body of the message to:  
[majordomo@listhost.ciesin.org](mailto:majordomo@listhost.ciesin.org) (leave off the quotation marks).

The Internet Scout Report is a constant source of reliable guidance on all topics. All items from the Scout Report are copyright Susan Calcari and the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, 1994-1999. [The Internet Scout Project](#), located in the Computer Sciences Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, provides information about the Internet to the U.S. research and education community under a grant from the National Science Foundation, number NCR-9712163. The Government has certain rights in this material.

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## **U.S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED WEB SITES**

Children's Butterfly Site -- USGS

<<http://www.mesc.usgs.gov/butterfly/butterfly.html>>

Although billed as a children's site, the photos and clear presentation make this web site captivating to visitors of all ages. Created by the Midcontinent Ecological Science Center of the US Geological Survey, the site provides photo galleries of common butterflies arranged geographically. Sections are available for Western Europe and Britain, North America, Central and South America, and Asia. "Other features at the site include a coloring page on the Monarch life cycle, an illustrated butterfly and moth life cycle, butterfly and moth FAQs, and a large collection of (annotated) related links. [MD]" (Adapted and quote from the Internet Scout Report).

Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program Web Site U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

<<http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo/index.html>>

EPA's Office of Science Coordination and Policy established the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program in response to scientists' concerns that some chemicals might disrupt the endocrine, or hormonal, systems of humans and wildlife. The Web Site provides explanation and history of the program and updates on the status of EPA's implementation activities.

Environmental Protection Agency's Online Library System

<<http://www.epa.gov/natlibra/ols.htm>>

This system consists of several related databases including the National Catalog which contains holdings of most of the 28 EPA regional libraries in the country and holdings for the EPA documents in NTIS as well as several special collections.

Marking a World Population of 6 Billion: A Collection of Online Resources

<<http://www.cnie.org/billion/>>

The National Library for the Environment (NLE) presents this web site which provides background information on world population. Created in support of the milestone of world population reaching 6 billion which United Nations Population Fund (<http://www.unfpa.org/>) estimated to occur on Oct. 12, 1999. The NLE provides links to online books, reports, papers, articles, maps, datasets, bibliographies, and other resources.

President's Council on Sustainable Development: Draft Report to the President

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

PDF version of the report released in May 1999; recommends actions to improve the nation's economy, protect the environment, and improve quality of life. Main themes address sprawl, climate change, urban renewal, and corporate environmental responsibility.

United States Geological Survey/National Biological Information Infrastructure

<[http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/status/sub5\\_2.html](http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/status/sub5_2.html)>

Press release Nov. 1, 1999: USGS Announces Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Endorsement of Biological Metadata Standard See the web site for background and the full text of the standard, the purpose of which is to make the FGDC standard for metadata content useful in documenting biological resources data and information. This endorsement will support increased access to biological data in the U.S. and internationally.

Contact: Anne Frondorf; Biological Resources Division; U.S. Department of the Interior; 300 National Center; U.S. Geological Survey; Reston, VA 20192; Phone (703)648-4205; email <[anne\\_frondorf@usgs.gov](mailto:anne_frondorf@usgs.gov)>

## **INTERNATIONAL WEB SITES**

Centre for Environmental Informatics

<<http://cei.sund.ac.uk/core.htm>>

Provides links to 180 corporations and 80 environmental reporting resources.

Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment  
(CSERGE)

<<http://www.uea.ac.uk/env/cserge/>>

The CSERGE conducts research on global environmental problems relevant to policy. The Centre's approach is interdisciplinary, bridging natural and social sciences. The web site provides the Centre's working papers in PDF format; books and other publications are listed with details necessary to acquire them.

Envirolinx (Australia)

<<http://www.envirolinx.org.au>>

Envirolinx is a non-profit network that promotes awareness of and communication about environmental protection and ecological sustainability issues. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of Victoria, Australia established Envirolinx in partnership with several other institutions. Envirolinx organizes an annual Environmental Futures Forum, video conferences, and a range of other events. The web site provides access to news items and information resources collected by the EPA library.

European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working  
Conditions

<<http://susdev.eurofound.ie>>

This nonprofit agency is part of the European Union and maintains a web site promoting sustainable development. Features include links to organizations pioneering sustainable development, publications, announcements of training opportunities, and a calendar of conferences. Contact: <[susdev@eurofound.ie](mailto:susdev@eurofound.ie)>

Transcaucasian Electronic Newsletter on Environmental Issues

<<http://caucasus.virtualave.net/>>

This is the first environmental newsletter focusing on three Transcaucasian countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The monthly newsletter is published by Environmental Survival, a Non-Governmental non-profit Organization organized to promote biodiversity conservation in Armenia and the Transcaucasus region and improve water quality for the population through scientific research, expertise, public actions, and publishing activities. Contact: Marine Barseghian via e-mail:

<[marineb@pegasus.rutgers.edu](mailto:marineb@pegasus.rutgers.edu)> or <[marineb@yahoo.com](mailto:marineb@yahoo.com)>

## **CORPORATE, PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' WEB SITES**

Alliance for the Wild Rockies

<<http://www.wildrockies.org/awr/index.html>>

The Alliance formed in 1988 as a group of individuals, business owners, and organizations working together to save the Northern Rockies Bioregion from deforestation and destruction. Members work to support scientific and economic research to their goals of wildland conservation. Programs focus on educating citizens through outreach and publications to influence legislation in favor of ecosystem defense.

Children's Environmental Health Network

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

"The Network is a national, multi-disciplinary project whose mission is to promote a healthy environment and protect the fetus and the child from environmental health hazards." The web site offers detailed information and links to organizations working in the field as well as data sources pertinent to protecting children from environmental health hazards. The Network's Resource Guide on Children's Environmental Health is available from the web site.

EcoMall

<<http://www.ecomall.com>>

EcoMall claims to offer "the largest green shopping center of environmentally-friendly companies and products on the Internet." The companies and products section is arranged into sixty-five categories. The site provides "Eco Database," a searchable means to find environmentally related resources anywhere in the United States. Users type in the city and state of interest and may choose among categories such as: environmental organizations, recycling centers, garden centers, health foods, parks, and several others. Search results display a list of resources with addresses and maps. EcoMall also offers Daily Eco News, a chat room, Eco Forums, an activism section, a vast collection of links to other web sites, and articles and interviews.

Contact: Tom Kay; phone (212)535-1876; E-mail:

<[ecomall@ecomall.com](mailto:ecomall@ecomall.com)>

The Environment: A Global Challenge

<<http://library.advanced.org/26026/>>

This comprehensive educational support site provides over 400 articles and more than 800 pages on environmental subjects such as: global warming, air and water pollution, hazardous waste, acid rain, and over population. Some interactive features are available, and segments of the site provide historical information, explain statistical analysis, and introduce environmental economics research techniques. The site is maintained by Caroline Camic, David Mericle, Michael Muelly, Mindy Taranto, Neil Franklin, and Vikas Sonak, and they welcome contributions. E-mail: <[theenvironment@hotmail.com](mailto:theenvironment@hotmail.com)> or <[26026@thinkquest.org](mailto:26026@thinkquest.org)>

environmental data interactive exchange - edie  
<<http://www.edie.net/index2.html>>

"Edie is a free, personalized, interactive news, information and communications service for environmental professionals around the world. With comprehensive independent coverage, powerful search facilities, e-mail alerts and discussion forums, edie provides a one-stop-shop for the exchange of environmental information on the Web." Other resources include job postings, training opportunities, software reviews, tables of contents to fee-based publications, calendar of events, and product reviews. Contact: Erin Gill, e-mail: <[erin@fav-house.com](mailto:erin@fav-house.com)>

Enviro Knowledge  
<<http://www.enviroknowledge.com/>>

This web site is maintained by Clary-Meuser Research Associates, a group in Santa Cruz, CA who work on interactive WWW map projects, GIS Mapping, environmental and social data retrieval, and environmental justice research.

Featuring topics related to Right to Know issues and toxics in the environment, the site provides a wealth of information including links to full text research reports, articles, and news items, access to electronic discussion lists and newsletters, a recommended books list, and a searchable right-to-know documents archive. Contact Mike Meuser, 321 Cedar St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060; phone (831)458-4245; e-mail: <[meuser@mapcruzin.com](mailto:meuser@mapcruzin.com)>

Green Building Professionals Search  
<<http://www2.greenbuilder.com/greenbuilder/gbnaive.gry?function=form>>

Searchable directory of sustainable building professionals, created and

maintained by Sustainable Sources <<http://www.greenbuilder.com/>>, an organization based in Austin, Texas.

National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education  
<<http://eelink.net/~npeee/npeee.html>>

This multi-year program is establishing guidelines for the development of balanced, scientifically accurate, and comprehensive environmental education programs. The web site provides information about several publications available for educators including: Environmental Education Materials: Guidelines for Excellence (ISBN 1-884008-41-0); Environmental Education Collection - A Review of Resources for Educators, Vols. 1, 2 & 3 (ISBNs 1-884008-55-0, 1-884008-58-5, and 1-884008-70-4, respectively); Biodiversity Collection: A Review of Biodiversity Resources for Educators (ISBN 0-89164-155-6); Excellence in Environmental Education: Guidelines for Learning (K-12) (ISBN 1-884008-75-5).

The titles can be ordered from NAAEE Conference, Publications, & Membership Office, 410 Tarvin Road, Rock Spring, GA 30739 USA. Phone (706) 764-2926, fax (706) 764-2094. E-mail: <[CSmith410@aol.com](mailto:CSmith410@aol.com)>. Prices are \$10 for NAAEE members and \$12 for nonmember.

Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security  
<<http://www.pacinst.org/>>

The Institute "is an independent, non-profit center created in 1987 to conduct research and policy analysis in the areas of environment, sustainable development, and international security. Underlying all of the Institute's work is the recognition that the pressing problems of environmental degradation, regional and global poverty, and political tension and conflict are fundamentally interrelated, and that long-term solutions require an interdisciplinary perspective." One project at the Pacific Institute is "The World's Water" <[www.worldwater.org](http://www.worldwater.org)>, a web site which provides up-to-date water information and data, and web links to organizations, institutions, and individuals working on a wide range of global freshwater problems and solutions. The World's Water site complements and supplements a book by Peter H. Gleick, one of the Institute researchers. The book is titled, The World's Water 1998-1999: The Biennial Report on Freshwater Resources; it was published by Island Press, Washington, D.C..

Contact: Wil Burns, Director of Communications, Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment & Security; 654 13th Street, Preservation Park; Oakland, CA 94612; Phone: (510)251-1600; Fax: (510) 251-2203; e-



mail: <[wburns@pacinst.org](mailto:wburns@pacinst.org)>

Pennsylvania Flora Project

<<http://www.upenn.edu/paflora/index.html>>

The Botany Department of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania Maintains the Pennsylvania Flora Database, a collection of information on native and naturalized plants in the state. A searchable portion of the database of 400,000 specimens is available on the web.

Permaculture

<[http://www.permaculture.net/zone\\_1.html](http://www.permaculture.net/zone_1.html)>

"The Permaculture Drylands Institute <<http://www.permaculture.net/PDI/>> is a non-profit educational organization founded in 1986 to promote permaculture as a way of living and working in arid regions throughout the world." The Permaculture web site provides on-line, updated information on courses, workshops, events, and publications. Contact: John Irwin, Editor, American Permaculture Directory; e-mail: <[jwirwin@permaculture.net](mailto:jwirwin@permaculture.net)>

Population Action International

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

A redesigned web site debuted early in 1999. To subscribe to the Population Action Email Alert Network, simply send an email to:

<[majordomo@nmpinc.com](mailto:majordomo@nmpinc.com)> with only the words "subscribe popact-list" in the body of the message; write nothing in the subject line. Contact: Anne Marie Amantia; Population Action International; Information Services Manager/Library; Washington DC; email: <[ama@popact.org](mailto:ama@popact.org)>

Schumacher College: International Centre for Ecological Studies

<<http://www.gn.apc.org/schumachercollege/>>

Schumacher College, located in England, provides educational opportunities on topics such as: ecological economics and development issues; the links between philosophy, psychology and ecology; understandings developing from recent scientific discoveries. The web site provides a calendar of courses and instructions for enrollment and fees.

Sustainable Business.com

<<http://www.sustainablebusiness.com>>

Rona Fried, creator of this web site, calls it a "cohesive source of information and connection for the gamut of sustainable business sectors

from recycling to green building, from renewable energy to organic products, from social investing to certified forestry." She formerly produced the Sustainable Business Network web site and, early in 1999, launched Sustainable Business.com in partnership with the Global Environment & Technology Foundation. Features include a monthly online journal, "Sustainable Business Insider", job listings, and Sustainable Business Opportunities.

Contact: Rona Fried, Ph.D.; Director, Sustainable Business.com; (516) 423-3277

Tucson Institute for Sustainable Communities  
<<http://www.greenbuilder.com/institute/>>

The institute is "a non-profit educational organization based in Tucson, Arizona, which works to cultivate vital and sustainable communities that are resource efficient, ecological, affordable and equitable." The site includes a Guide to Sustainable Development in Arid Climates <<http://www.greenbuilder.com/institute/guide/0guide.html>>, which has information about performance, design, construction, and occupancy.

Contact information: Email: <[tisc@azstarnet.com](mailto:tisc@azstarnet.com)>; P.O. Box 27210; 481 W. Paseo Redondo; Tucson, AZ 85726-7210 Phone (520) 791-4675; Fax (520) 791-5431

Water and Waste International  
<<http://www.wwinternational.com/>>

Resource for news, products and services for water, wastewater, waste management, air pollution detection, and remediation. Contact: Jill Tenzythoff; Web Circulation and Posting Specialist; PennWell Publishing - Tulsa; 918-832-9267; e-mail: <[jillt@pennwell.com](mailto:jillt@pennwell.com)>

Wildlife Interest Group: from the American Society of International Law  
<<http://www.eelink.net/~asilwildlife>>

Information on the web site states: "The purpose of ASIL's Wildlife Interest Group is to contribute to the objective of conserving endangered wildlife species by helping to strengthen international wildlife treaty regimes, regional accords and national legislation that implements international treaty regimes. The group's efforts focus on scholarship and public education efforts."

The society publishes the Journal of International Wildlife Law &

Policy. Links from the Interest Group web site lead to discussion lists, publications, wildlife web sites, and programs such as proceedings of the Annual International Wildlife Law Conference (the 4th was held in 1999; papers may be viewed at:

<<http://www.eelink.net/~asilwildlife/conf4.html>>).

"Your Environment," by Francesca Lyman - MSNBC on the Internet

<[http://www.msnbc.com/news/YOURENVIRONMENTH\\_Front.asp](http://www.msnbc.com/news/YOURENVIRONMENTH_Front.asp)>

This biweekly column focuses on environmental health. It is accessible under the "Health" category of the [MSNBC web site](#).

### **CONFERENCES** (notices of future events and reports of past meetings)

Proceedings available: Seminar on Employment and Perspectives on Environmental Engineering in Europe, Hamburg, September 24-26, 1998

<<http://seminar.realworld.de/>>

Many papers are available in MS Word; the full printed proceedings can be ordered for US\$39.00. For further details, please contact:

Prof. Walter Leal Filho; TU-TECH/ Technical University Hamburg-Harburg; Environmental Technology; D-21073 Hamburg; fax: 00-49-40-77182155 e-mail: [seminar@realworld.de](mailto:seminar@realworld.de)

Earth forum Online, Nov. 2-12, 1999

<<http://www.earthforum.org/>> or

<<http://www.earthforum.org/eforum.htm>>

Earth Council (<http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/>) launched the second Earth Forum on-line conference for the academic community, led by well-known university professors from Latin America and Spain. The conference was titled, "Global Ethics, Sustainable Development, and the Earth Charter," and text from conference discussions is available in Spanish and Portuguese.

Earth Council was created in September 1992 to promote and advance the implementation of the Earth Summit agreements. It is led by a body of 18 Members, drawn from the world's political, business, scientific and non-governmental communities. Sixteen eminent world leaders serve as Honorary Members, and an 18 member Earth Council Institute functions as an advisory board.

## 5th International Wildlife Law Conference

March 25, 2000, Washington College of Law, American University

Washington, DC [See Wildlife Interest Group: from the American Society of International Law web site (<http://www.eelink.net/~asilwildlife>) for more information.]

## PLANETWORK Conference

May 12 - 14, 2000

San Francisco, Presidio

As we enter the new millennium two global phenomena stand out as the most dramatic aspects of our time: the dizzying rate of technological change, especially in the realm of digital information, and the staggering scale and speed of environmental degradation. As PlaNetworkers, we seek to explore how information technology can be put into service to support global ecology.

The PLANETWORK Conference will bring together leading innovators, scientists and activists including Ralph Abraham, Duane Elgin, Julia Butterfly Hill, Kevin Kelly, Pierre Levy, Bruce Sterling, David Rothenberg, Peter Russell, Elisabet Sahtouris, and many others. Come join us!

For more information email: [info@planetworkers.com](mailto:info@planetworkers.com) or see our website at [www.planetworkers.com](http://www.planetworkers.com)

## **PUBLICATIONS: CATALOGS, PERIODICALS, PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BOOKS**

[books format: Moore, Thomas G. Climate of Fear: Why We Shouldn't Worry About Global Warming. Washington, D.C.: Cato Institute, 1998. ISBN 1882577647. US\$18.95. Paper ISBN 1882577655. US\$9.95.]

## e-EFFICIENCY NEWS

Bimonthly newsletter from the Alliance to Save Energy

(<http://www.ase.org/>). Alliance president, David M. Memtzow, stated in an announcement about the first issue that, "Our commitment is to provide up-to-date information about efficiency technologies, markets, research, and policies, in a format that is convenient and efficient." Robert Gluck is editor. To subscribe, send a message to [subscribe@ase.org](mailto:subscribe@ase.org). Contact: Alliance to Save Energy; 1200 18th St., NW, Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036; 202/857-0666; [info@ase.org](mailto:info@ase.org)

Global Health and Environmental Bulletin (GHEB)

<http://www.igc.org/ceche/gheb.htm>

This quarterly, newsletter is distributed electronically; it is published by the Center for Communications, Health and the Environment (CECHE, on the web at <http://www.igc.org/ceche/>), an American, private, non-profit organization based in Washington, DC. CECHE's mission is to assist the newly established democracies of Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, Asia, and other developing nations by implementing programs to improve health and alleviate the adverse effects of environmental pollution.

Contact: Center for Communications, Health and the Environment, 4437, Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20007. Tel: (202) 965-5990; Fax: (202) 965-5996; E-mail: [ceche@igc.apc.org](mailto:ceche@igc.apc.org)

GREEN HORIZON NEWSLETTER (for journalists interested in Central & Eastern Europe)

Though technically not a listserv, "Green Horizon" is a free newsletter distributed via e-mail. This twice-monthly publication is designed to help journalists stay ahead of environmental news stories that are developing in Central and Eastern Europe. Produced by the Media Information Service of the Regional Environmental Center for Eastern and Central Europe (REC) and funded by the European Commission's DG-XI and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For a free subscription: Send e-mail to: [media-info@rec.org](mailto:media-info@rec.org)

"Information on tap - Web resources on the water industry" by Susan Alcock

<http://www.freepint.co.uk/issues/181199.htm#tips>

This article, distributed by the electronic newsletter, "Free Pint," (ISSN 1460-7239) presents many web sites related to water, including research, legislation, privatization, and other topics. The author works as Librarian at

South West Water in Exeter, Devon and can be reached at: [salcock@south-west-water.co.uk](mailto:salcock@south-west-water.co.uk)

Sustainable Livestock & Agriculture Production--SLAP

Bimonthly-Newsletter published by the Progressive Agriculturist and Pastoralist Association

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Canopy/3770/slap1.htm>

This newsletter addresses topics such as food security, pesticides use, integrated pest management, and nutrient cycling. To receive the newsletter by email, send a note to: [sindhorg@egroups.com](mailto:sindhorg@egroups.com)

Contact: Dr. Aslam Pervez Umrani, SLAP Editor, 60/ Al Abass Housing Society, New Wehdat Colony, Hyderabad, Pakistan. Email: [agr726@hyd.zoocom.net.pk](mailto:agr726@hyd.zoocom.net.pk)

## **BOOKS**

Buckley, Claire. Case Studies in Environmental Management in Central and Eastern Europe: Casebook Series Volume II. International Network for Environmental Management, 1999. ISBN 1874719209. US\$30.00. [Available from Greenleaf Publishing, e-mail: [greenleaf@worldscope.co.uk](mailto:greenleaf@worldscope.co.uk), <http://www.greenleaf-publishing.com>]

Diberardinis, Louis J. (Ed.). Handbook of Occupational Safety and Health. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1998. ISBN 0471160172. US\$149.00.

Gerrard, Michael B. The Law of Environmental Justice: Theories and Procedures to Address Disproportionate Risk. Published by the American Bar Association (for info or to order call too-free 800-285-2221) \$139.95.

IEA Bioenergy Task 25. Greenhouse Gas Balances of Bioenergy Systems. Bibliography (updated, contains over 1000 entries on 600 pages, full text is searchable, and includes indexes by author, subject, and title) available in an electronic edition (PDF file) from: <http://www.joanneum.ac.at/iea-bioenergy-task25>

Johnson, Timothy. CRC Ethnobotany Desk Reference. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 1998. ISBN 084931187X. US\$149.95.

Mader, Ron. Mexico: Adventures in Nature. Santa Fe: John Muir Publications, 1998. ISBN 1562613405. US\$18.00. An outline and more

information are available at:

<http://www2.planeta.com/mader/ecotravel/search/tequila.html>

Positive Measures: Panacea or Placebo in International Environmental Agreements. Report published by the Nordic Council of Ministers. November 1998. [http://www.vyh.fi/fei/publicat/nord/pos\\_m.html](http://www.vyh.fi/fei/publicat/nord/pos_m.html)

Sandberg, Mikael. Green Post-Communism?: Environmental Aid, Polish Innovation, and Evolutionary Political Economics. New York: Routledge, 1999. ISBN 0415166780. US\$90.00.

Oates, Wallace E. (Ed.). The RFF Reader in Environmental and Resource Management. Washington, D.C.: Resources for the Future. ISBN 0915707969. US\$22.95 (for more info see: [http://www.rff.org/books/descriptions/rff\\_reader.htm](http://www.rff.org/books/descriptions/rff_reader.htm))

Ward, Chip. Canaries on the Rim: Living Downwind in the West. London: Verso, 1999. ISBN US\$29.00 [Distributed in U.S. by W.W. Norton.]

EPA reports on Waste Research, Pollution Prevention, and related topics <<http://www.epa.gov/ORD/WebPubs/final/>>

Full text of several U.S. Environmental Protection Agency research reports are available in PDF format at this web site. A sampling of titles includes: Waste Research Strategy; Pollution Prevention Strategy; Final Research Plan for Endocrine Disruptors; Ecological Research Strategy; Final Research Plan for Arsenic in Drinking Water; Final Research Plan for Microbial Pathogens and Disinfection By-Products in Drinking Water

EPA Toxic Release Inventory <<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/tri/>>

This site provides access to the 1997 Public Data Release Report which became available in May. Also available is the 1996 Toxics Release Inventory Public Data Release - 10 Years of Right-to-Know: Industry Sector Analyses (<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/tri/indsec96.htm>). This report is notable in that it provides analyses of fifteen industry sectors not included in the 1996 public

Contact: National Center for Environmental Publications and Information; (800)490-9198 or (513) 489-8190.

The Nature Conservancy. Terrestrial Vegetation of the United States, The National Vegetation Classification System. Published on the web at

<http://www.consci.tnc.org/library/pubs/class/index.html>

Disasters And Democracy: Taking the Hint from Floyd  
<<http://www.islandpress.org/community/planning/danad.html>>

The Oct. 7, 1999 issue of Island Press's EcoCompass (<http://www.islandpress.org/index.ssi>) presents a feature on the impact of flooding from Hurricane Floyd. A recent Island Press book, Disasters and Democracy: The Politics of Extreme Natural Events, by Rutherford H. Platt, examines federal policies and incentives for emergency management. Excerpts from Platt's book as well as information from other related publications and links to relevant web sites are presented.

Population, environment, and development: interactions at the village level  
<<http://www.teriin.org/pub/books/unfpa.htm>>

The full text is available online in PDF format of this study conducted by TERI--the Tata Energy Research Institute (<http://www.teriin.org/index.html>)-- in four Indian villages and sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund. Explores in practical detail, how people at the local/community level maintain or manage their livelihood as increasing population imposes pressure on land, biomass, and water resources (that they directly depend on for their sustenance) and how developmental processes alleviate/exacerbate these pressures.

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