

Find Information on

Spills



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Step 1: Background information

You may need to look up background information or definitions of terms to help you understand your topic better. For other background sources, search the [Library catalogue](#).

Environmental contaminants encyclopedia

(<http://www.nature.nps.gov/hazardssafety/toxic/index.cfm>)

Free online access from the US National Park Service.

ToxFags

(<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaq.html>)

Online information about frequently asked questions related to contaminants at Hazardous Waste Sites from the Us Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

The Canadian Encyclopedia *Historica*

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Step 2 : DVDs, Videos and Movies

Chernobyl 2006 YouTube.com

Exxon Valdez YouTube.com

Step 3 : Books

No breathing room: the aftermath of Chernobyl

HD9698.S652M4313 1993

Waterloo

In the wake of the *Exxon Valdez* : the devastating impact of the Alaska oil spill

TD 427.P4 D39 2006

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Viruses vs. superbugs: a solution to the antibiotics crisis?

RC112 .H3513 2006

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Hope or hype : the obsession with medical advances and the high cost of false promises

RA418.5.M4 D49 2005

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Step 4 : Legal Issues, Laws and Regulations

[Water - Ministry of Environment – Ontario](#): See news section.

[ehscompliance.ca](#) : News on Canadian environmental and health and safety issues.

[Canada's Clean Air Act](#) : Legislation

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency: Regulations and laws.

Environment Canada: Publications for Canadians on the environment.

Step 5 : Magazines and Scientific Articles

To find articles and current research about your topic, use a journal index online at the Guelph library website (see link below). A journal index is similar to the library catalogue. But instead of searching our collection of books in the catalogue, it searches a database where articles from magazines and journals are collected. **Look for the 'Get It' button or full-text link** to read articles online.

Start Here: Journal indexes – select Biology & Life Sciences

http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/journal_articles/

Agricola: a comprehensive index to agricultural and life sciences information. The primary focus is on the United States but there is international information as well.

Biological Sciences: an interdisciplinary database offering abstracts and citations to a wide range of research in biomedicine, biotechnology, zoology and ecology, and some aspects of agriculture and veterinary science.

CABDirect: provides international literature in agriculture, forestry, and allied disciplines, including: animal and crop husbandry, animal and plant breeding, plant protection, genetics, forestry engineering, economics, veterinary medicine, human nutrition and rural development.

Plant Science: contains citations and abstracts of scientific literature on plant science, focussing on all plant scientific aspects, especially pathology, symbiosis, biochemistry, genetics, biotechnology, techniques and environmental biology.

Journals & Magazines

Alternatives

A University of Guelph publication

Ridgetown and Online @ your library

E – the Environmental Magazine

An American monthly.

Ridgetown and Online @ your library

New Internationalist

Great short articles on global and environmental issues with references to further reading and experts.

Online @ your library

Scholarly societies project - University of Waterloo

A list of academic groups that publish scientific articles.

Web of Science

Database of academic research.

Online @ your library

Environmental Issues and Policy Index

Database of academic research

Online @ your library

Canadian Newsstand

Full text articles from Canadian newspapers - the Globe & Mail, the Toronto Star and the Guelph Mercury.

Online @ your library

Factiva

Online @ your library

Step 6 : Searching the Internet

The term "public websites" refers to sites that can be freely reached through a search engine. Many of the links given above lead you to "invisible web sites" that the library pays for, such as journal databases. Typically, if your professor tells you not to use web sites on an assignment, they are referring to public web sites.

When searching, remember to try alternate words for your topic.

Plants Database

An American government resource providing standardized information about the vascular plants, mosses, liverworts, hornworts, and lichens of the U.S. and its territories.

Part X of Environmental Protection Act Spills (Section 91-123)

Regulation 675/98 (Classification and exemption of spills and reporting of discharges)

Ontario Regulation 224/07 Spill prevention and contingency plan

Regulation 222/07 (Environmental penalties)

(http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_070222_e.htm)

Ontario Regulation 225/07 Classification and exemption of spills

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)

(<http://www.ccohs.ca/>)

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

(<http://www.gov.bc.ca/al/>)

Canada's aquatic environments

An interactive educational website to promote awareness of Canada's aquatic resources

Environment Canada Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse

Greenpeace International

Current issues in conservation & protection

Incident News

American government source for chemical and oil spills information includes Top Ten Spills list.

Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

(US) a government agency database on disease and parasites.

Watershedss

Information and fact sheets on water quality and pollution issues from the North Carolina State University WATERSHEDSS group.

Remember the difference reading a webpage online:

Who wrote it? Why? What is it for?

Learning more about evaluation of websites:

http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/tutorials/evaluating_web_sites/

Step 7: Associations, Societies and Departments

Health Canada

Canadian government source of health-related information.

Environment Probe

Canadian agency for improved environmental regulation.

Ecojustice

Formerly the Sierra Legal Defense Fund. A non-profit society for environmental protection.

Step 8: Help for your assignments

Don't forget Peer Helpers and the Academic Skills Consultant @ your library !

Refworks http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/research/create_bibliographies/

Use this to organize the sites and sources you need to create your references.

Citation Machine <http://citationmachine.net/>

This website is open to the public. It can organize your sources while you search.

APA Style Guide http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/undergraduates/citations_&_referencing/APA.cfm

Use this guide to correctly cite your sources in written work – essays, assignments, etc.