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TREATISES - A (HIGHLY) SELECTIVE LIST

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND LAND USE PLANNING, IN SPECIALIZED LEGAL RESEARCH (Penny Hazelton ed., 2005) [KF240 .S62].

FRANK GRAD, TREATISE ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [KF3775 .G7, also available on Lexis].

WILLIAM H. RODGERS, JR., ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [KF3775 .R59 available on Westlaw].

ROGER W. FINDLEY & DANIEL A. FARBER, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN A NUTSHELL (8th ed. 2010) [KF3775.Z9 F56].

And many, many others.

FINDING RESOURCES IN THE CATALOG

Call Number Ranges: KF1298; KF3775 – 3819; Hazardous Waste & Toxic Torts KF3946 – 3965.

Subject Headings:

The convention for subject headings is Topic + Geographical Region, e.g., “Environmental Law Michigan,” or Land Use Law and Legislation California.” Common topics include, but are not limited to,

- 1) [Environmental Law](#);
- 2) [Environmental Policy](#);
- 3) [Land Use Law and Legislation](#);
- 4) [Natural Resources](#);
- 5) [Air Pollution Law and Legislation](#);
- 6) [Water Pollution Law and Legislation](#);
- 7) [Liability for Environmental Damages](#); and
- 8) [Environmental Permits United States](#).

Links to environmental law resources are also available in the “[Information Resources by Topic](#)” section of the Pence Library Website.

MAJOR FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

(source: EPA website, <http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/laws/index.html>)

Atomic Energy Act (AEA) 42 U.S.C. §§ 2011 et seq.

Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act Public Law 106-40, Jan. 6, 1999; 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r) Amendment to Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

The Clean Air Act (CAA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq. (1970) (40 C.F.R. 49-97, 122-124, 144-145, 270-271).

The Clean Water Act (CWA); 33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq. (1977) (40 C.F.R. 104-136, 140, 144-145, 230-233, 401-471, 501-503).

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) 42 U.S.C. § § 9601 et seq. (1980) (40 C.F.R. 300-312).

The Emergency Planning & Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 11011 et seq. (1986) (40 C.F.R. 302, 355, 370, 372).

The Endangered Species Act (ESA); 7 U.S.C. § 136;16 U.S.C. §§ 460 et seq. (1973) (50 C.F.R. 17.1 et seq.).

Energy Policy Act (PL 102-486; PL 109-58).

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); 7 U.S.C. §§ 135 et seq. (1972) (29 C.F.R. 1440.1; 40 C.F.R. 32.100 et seq., 152-168, 180.1).

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) 21 U.S.C. §§301 et seq.

Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Public Law 104-170, Aug. 3, 1996

Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA, also known as the Ocean Dumping Act)

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347 (40 C.F.R. 6, 1500-1508; 7 C.F.R. 520; 10 C.F.R. 1021).

National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA) (Pub.L. 104-113, Mar. 7, 1996, 110 Stat. 775).

Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) 42 U.S.C. §§ 10101 et seq.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA); 29 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq. (1970)

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA); 33 U.S.C. §§ 2702 to 2761 (1990)

The Pollution Prevention Act (PPA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 13101 and 13102, et seq. (1990)

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 321 et seq. (1976) (40 C.F.R. 144-148, 260-299).

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq. (1974)

The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq. (1986) (40 C.F.R. 300-312, 355, 373).

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); 15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 et seq. (1976) (40 C.F.R. 700-799).

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Generally, federal regulations under the environmental laws are found at **C.F.R. Title 40: Protection of Environment.**

The Code of Federal Regulations can be found in

- ❖ HeinOnline (Federal Register Library, all years).
- ❖ Lexis (Federal Legal - U.S. > Find Statutes, Regulations, Administrative Materials & Court Rules> Legislative History Materials > CFR - Code of Federal Regulations, current version only).
- ❖ Westlaw CFR (current versions) (historical versions available from 1984, database designation is CFRxx(last two digits of year); FENV-CFR, environmental law regulation 1981 – present.
- ❖ FDsys.gov (1996 – present).
- ❖ e-CFR (most recent).

Proposed regulations are found in the **Federal Register**, which is available from a number of sources, including

- ❖ Hein Online (Federal Register database, all years);
- ❖ Lexis;
- ❖ Westlaw ;
- ❖ [Federal Register](#) ;
- ❖ [EPA Website, Regulations Page](#);
- ❖ [EPA Website, Priority Rulemaking Page](#); and
- ❖ [Regulations.gov](#), , a federal government website designed to encourage public participation in the regulatory process.

ADMINISTRATIVE/EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

Numerous federal agencies have overlapping jurisdiction in areas that impact the environment. The major players include:

[US EPA](#)

browse by topic
information sources – databases and software to look up facility compliance history
laws, regulations and dockets – current and pending legislation and major laws governing environmental issues; the [Regulations Page](#) includes CFR and Federal Register contents by topic – i.e., just the environmental regulations.

The EPA designates some rulemaking as “priority rulemaking,” based on a number of factors. It is also engaged in “retrospective review” of some of its regulations. A retrospective review is an opportunity to look back at an existing regulation and if any requirements are “outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively burdensome, and to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal them in accordance with what has been learned,” per [Executive Order 13563](#). Information about priority rulemakings and retrospective review can be found on the [Regulatory Development and Retrospective ReviewTracker Page](#).

Enforcement

[Cases & Settlements](#)
[ALJ Opinions](#)
[Environmental Appeals Board Opinions](#)

[Library](#)

[U.S. Department of the Interior](#)

Has general authority over national lands, including mining and oil and gas drilling, and endangered species and threatened habitats

See also the [Minerals Management Service](#),
[Bureau of Reclamation](#),
[Office of Surface Mining](#), and
[Fish and Wildlife Service](#).

[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA, part of the Department of Commerce)

[U.S. DOJ Environment and Natural Resources Division](#)

Division charged with prosecuting environmental crimes, enforcing civil compliance with environmental laws, litigating pollution prevention and cleanup, and wildlife protection. Current and proposed consent decrees are available online; electronic reading room includes frequently requested documents.

[U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture – [Forrest Service](#)

[White House Council on Environmental Quality](#)

[FirstGov](#), an index of government websites.

COURT AND AGENCY DECISIONS

As in all heavily regulated areas of law, many environmental law cases originate in an administrative agency, generally, but not always, the EPA. Agency decisions are appealed to federal appeals courts, and those decisions are included in the Federal Reporter series.

Agency decisions appear in various places, including the agency’s website, Lexis, Westlaw, and HeinOnline’s [U.S. Federal Agency Documents, Decisions, and Appeals](#) database.

EPA Administrative Decisions

Available from

- ❖ Environmental Administrative Decisions 1995 - (available electronically through the library Catalog; also available in print at KF3775 .A558.);
- ❖ [Office of Administrative Law Judges](#);
- ❖ [Environmental Appeals Board](#);
- ❖ HeinOnline - U.S. Federal Agency Documents, Decisions, and Appeals Library, Environmental Administrative Decisions;
- ❖ Lexis (ALLEPA); and
- ❖ Westlaw (FENV-EPA).

LOOSE-LEAF SERVICES

These are compiled by private publishers on a subject basis. They are designed to help practitioners stay current on legal, legislative, regulatory, and policy developments, particularly in heavily regulated practice areas like environmental law, securities, benefits, and tax. They were originally published in ring binders for easy updating (hence the term “loose leaf”), but most are now available electronically.

Bloomberg BNA Loose-leaf Services (available under [BNA Library](#) in “Information Resources A-Z” and “Information Resources by Topic” sections of the Pence Library Website).

Chemical Regulation Daily	International Environment Daily
Chemical Regulation Reporter	International Environment Reporter

Daily Environment Report	State Environment & Safety Regulatory Monitoring Report
Environment & Safety Library	State Environment Daily
Environmental Due Diligence Guide	Federal Environment & Safety Regulatory Monitoring Report
Environment Reporter	Toxics Law Daily
HazMat Transportation News	Toxics Law Reporter

CCH IntelliConnect –Select the **Environmental Compliance** database. Topics include News, Air Quality Compliance, Hazardous Waste Compliance, Waste Water & Water Quality Compliance, and Environmental Laws & Regulations. Contact a reference librarian if you need help navigating the new CCH interface.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAW NEWS SERVICES:

Environment & Energy (E & E) Publishing, includes four services: Climate Wire; Environment & Energy Daily; Green Wire; and Land Letter;

Environmental Law Reporter KF3775.A15 E6; and

Environmental Law Reporter Online (available through LEAGLE and the “Information Resources A-Z” and “Information Resources by Topic” sections of the Pence Library Website); also from Lexis.

BLOGS

As you know, blogs can be an excellent source of timely news and analysis. Here are a few blogs with an environmental law focus, in no particular order:

- ❖ [Environmental Law Prof Blog](#)
- ❖ [Climate Compass Blog](#)
- ❖ [Environment 360](#)
- ❖ [Environmental Appeals Court](#)
- ❖ [Legal Planet](#)

PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR REGULATION

Thomas

Thomas is the best tool for tracking pending legislation. You can search for legislation in the current Congress by keyword, bill number, or sponsor. You can search in previous Congresses by keyword or public law number.

Lexis and **Westlaw** also have tracking functions, though Thomas is typically more up to date.

House and Senate Committee websites frequently have information about pending legislation. However, committees are not required to post or update this information, so the content and the currency of the sites vary widely. The following committees are involved with environmental matters:

- ❖ [House Committee on Energy and Commerce](#);
- ❖ [House Committee on Natural Resources](#);
- ❖ [House Committee on Science and Technology](#);
- ❖ [House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming](#);
- ❖ [House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#);
- ❖ [Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works](#);
- ❖ [Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation](#);
- ❖ [Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources](#); and
- ❖ [Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry](#).

Proposed regulations are announced in the Federal Register, available in various locations, including

- ❖ HeinOnline (Federal Register Library, vol. 1 to current volume, with indexes);
- ❖ [FDsys.gov](#) (2000 to present);
- ❖ Lexis (FEDREG);
- ❖ Westlaw (FR, 1981 – present; FR-ALL, 1936 – present); (FENV-FR – federal environmental law, 1981 – present); and
- ❖ [Federal Register](#).

Proposed regulations and comments can be found at [Regulations.gov](#), a multi-agency clearinghouse for collecting public comment on proposed regulations. EPA specific to the EPA may be found at the [EPA Website, Regulations Page](#) and the [EPA Website, Priority Rulemaking Page](#)

New laws and proposed regulations may also be listed on administrative agency websites, but this varies by agency and is not always kept up to date. Websites for nonprofit and “watch dog” groups may also track new legislation or regulations.

Always update statutes and regulations by consulting the pocket parts (U.S.C.) or the List of Sections Affected (C.F.R.). The **Westlaw Key Cite** service will also flag pending changes to the U.S.C. and the C.F.R. and link to updating laws or regulations.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

[ProQuest Congressional](#), available from the library website, is a comprehensive database of legislative history materials for all but the most recently enacted laws. It is strongly recommended that you search this database using a **Public Law** or **Bill Number**.

Legislative histories have already been compiled for many federal laws. Check a standard reference, such as the *Union List of Legislative Histories* (Reserve, KF4.U551) or the *CIS Legislative History Service* (Reserve, KF49.C63). Alternatively, do a keyword search of the library catalog, for example – “(clean air act) and (legislative history).”

Compiled legislative histories can also be found on

- ❖ Westlaw - Arnold & Porter Collection Legislative Histories
- ❖ Lexis - Legislative History Materials library; and
- ❖ HeinOnline - U.S. Federal Legislative History Library.

Relevant histories include:

Westlaw	Superfund; Clean Air Act; Water Pollution Control Amendments
Lexis	Clean Air Act Amendments; CERCLA; NEPA; Hazardous & Solid Waste; Water Pollution Control Act; RCRA; Toxic Substances Control Act; Superfund; Water Quality Control Act
HeinOnline	Clean Air Act; Safe Drinking Water Act; Clean Water Act; Food, Drug & Cosmetics Act; Solid Waste Act; Toxic Substances Act; NEPA; OSHA; U.S. EPA Legal Compilation

You can also search these databases for other histories not listed above.

Other Legislative History Sources:

In addition to the sources listed above, use **Thomas**, **USCCAN** (U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News) (available in print, First Floor, after Statutes at Large, and on Westlaw). It is strongly recommended that you use a **Public Law** or **Bill** number to do research using these sources.

Finally, consult Congressional Committee websites, listed above, and [CQ Electronic Library](#), available through the Library’s website, for additional information.

STATE LAW RESEARCH

State codes and case law are available through **Lexis** and **Westlaw**. Print materials, including regional reporters, are available on the second floor of the library.

Laws and Regulations for selected states are available from [CCH IntelliConnect](#) and from Bloomberg BNA’s [EHS State Regulatory Alert](#) and [State Environment Daily](#).

State legislative history research can be very challenging. There is no legislative history collection analogous to ProQuest Congressional at the state level, and states vary widely in their treatment of legislative materials. Documents that do exist are often in print or microform collections in state law libraries or archives. Please contact a Reference Librarian before attempting to do state legislative history research. Most state legislatures post the text and status of current legislation on their websites. For older materials, start with **Westlaw > U.S. State Materials > Legislative Histories**.

States also vary in publishing practices for regulations and administrative materials. Administrative codes and decisions are available in state databases on **Lexis** and **Westlaw**. Useful databases include:

- ❖ **Westlaw:** U.S. State Materials > Administrative & Executive Materials > Topical Multistate Administrative Databases > Environmental Law Cases & Administrative Decisions (MENV-ALL); and
- ❖ **Lexis:** Area of Law - By Topic > Environment > Find Administrative Materials & Regulations > State Administrative Materials.

State environmental agency websites also frequently have links to regulations, decisions, and other useful information. Sites for state and local agencies are listed in **CCH IntelliConnect**, in the **Environmental Compliance** section of the **Laws, Regulations & Other Primary Sources** database.

JOURNALS

Environmental law articles are found in specialized and general interest journals. Specialized journals include

- Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review
- Buffalo Environmental Law
- Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy
- Columbia Journal of Environmental Law
- Dickinson Journal of Environmental Law & Policy
- Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum
- Ecology Law Quarterly (University of California, Berkeley)
- Environmental Forum (Environmental Law Institute)
- Environmental Law (Northwestern School of Law)
- Environmental Lawyer (ABA)
- Environmental Regulation and Permitting
- Fordham Environmental Law Journal
- Great Plains Natural Resources Journal (University of South Dakota School of Law)
- Harvard Environmental Law Review
- Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation (University of Oregon School of Law)

- Journal of Land, Resources & Environmental Law (University of Utah College of Law)
- Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law (Florida State University College of Law)
- Journal of Natural Resources & Environmental Law (University of Kentucky Mineral Law Center)
- Missouri Environmental Law and Policy Review
- New York University Environmental Law Journal
- Pace Environmental Law Review
- Public Land & Resources Law Review (University of Montana School of Law)
- South Carolina Environmental Law Journal
- Stanford Environmental Law Journal
- Temple Environmental Law & Technology Journal
- Touro Environmental Law Journal
- Tulane Environmental Law Journal
- UCLA Journal of Environmental Law & Policy
- University of Baltimore Journal of Environmental Law
- Villanova Environmental Law Journal
- Virginia Environmental Law Journal
- West-Northwest (University of California, Hastings College of the Law)
- William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review
- Wisconsin Environmental Law Journal
- Review of European Community & International Environmental Law
- Scottish Planning and Environmental Law
- The South African Journal of Environmental Law and Policy
- New Zealand Journal of Environmental Law
- Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law
- Australian Journal of Environmental Management
- Eastern and Central European Journal on Environmental Law
- European Environment Review
- Georgetown International Environmental Law Review
- Journal of Environmental Law (Great Britain)
- Journal of Environmental Law and Practice (Canada)

They are available in the usual places – **Lexis**, **Westlaw**, and **HeinOnline**.

To do a comprehensive search for journal articles, you should use **journal indexes**. *You should not rely solely on Lexis and/or Westlaw*. For articles written after 1983, consult one of the following:

LegalTrac

US, British, Canadian and Australian law journal articles from 1983 to present. Primarily a citation index, although some full text articles are available. Accessible through Pence Law Library Website.

Index to Legal Periodicals and Books

US, British, Canadian and Australian law journal articles and books from 1983 to present. Primarily a citation index, although some full text articles are available. Accessible through Pence Law Library Website.

Current Index to Legal Periodicals

Update LegalTrac and ILP research by viewing most recent weeks' issues. Available in HTML, Word, and PDF. Organized by journal title and area of law. Accessible through Pence Law Library Website.

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals

Journal articles covering topics in foreign and international law from 1985 to present. The index is in English, although the majority of publications covered are not. Accessible through Pence Law Library Website.

Articles before 1983 can be very useful if you are interested in development of and the policy concerns underlying a piece of environmental legislation. You will need to consult the **Index to Legal Periodicals** in print, located on the second floor, in the Periodicals section. Articles will be available through **HeinOnline**, **JSTOR**, or in print (through Pence Library or ILL). Please ask a reference librarian for assistance.

LAW SCHOOL RESEARCH SITES

- ❖ [WashLaw Web - Environmental Law](#)
- ❖ [National Agricultural Law Center](#) (U. of Arkansas)
- ❖ Columbia Law School, [Center for Climate Change Law](#)

NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

There are a number of non-profit organizations focused on environmental issues. Depending on the organization, they take a variety of approaches to the issue – legal, scientific, policy-based, and economic – and engage in a variety of activities, often including research, policy analysis, and legislation tracking. They therefore contain useful information in a variety of areas. As with any organization, we urge you to consider the organization's affiliations, ideological slant, and objectivity, as well as the currency and sources of the information it presents, in assessing its reliability.

Legal

[Environmental Law Institute](#); also publishes the [Environmental Law Reporter](#)

Science

[National Council for Science and the Environment](#)

The [Science Policy](#) section of the site includes congressional testimony and a searchable database of full-text Congressional Research Reports on environmental science topics, <http://ncseonline.org/programs/science-policy/crs-reports>.

[Union of Concerned Scientists](#)

Social Science

[Center for Climate and Energy Solutions](#) (formerly Pew Center on Global Climate Change)

[Resources for the Future](#)

Conservation

[National Audubon Society](#)

[Sierra Club](#). [Local chapters](#) are often very involved with legislative and regulatory developments at the state and local level.

Advocacy

[Environmental Defense Fund](#)

[Natural Resources Defense Council](#); legislation tracking at www.nrdc.org/policy

[National Wildlife Federation](#)

[Friends of the Earth](#)

[Greenpeace](#); [Investigations](#) page includes a library of information obtained through investigative efforts, discovery requests, FOIA, and whistleblowers.

INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LAW

When embarking on foreign or international law research, it is important to remember the difference between the two. International law is law between nations; foreign law is the domestic law of foreign nations. The type of legal resources differs greatly between the two. Also bear in mind that, on any particular issue, national law, regional authority or agreements, such as European Union regulations or NAFTA Agreements, and other treaties or agreements may all come into play.

Comprehensive foreign law research includes a country's legislative and administrative bodies, as well as its courts. The details vary by country, and it is always helpful if you are fluent in the official language of the country at issue.

The [Foreign Law Guide](#), accessible through "Information Resources A-Z" section of the Pence Library Website, is a good starting point for foreign law research. It is organized by country and includes an overview of the country's legal system and lists the official legal sources. It also includes links to online sources where available.

The [International Encyclopedia of Laws: Environmental Law](#), available electronically from the library catalog (do a title search for "international encyclopedia of laws") and in print at K3585 .E583. Contains detailed background information on national environmental laws and regulations, including summaries of and citations to major legislation.

Two additional free web resources, the World Legal Information Institute and the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide, have substantial but eclectic collections of foreign law resources, including statutes and case law.

[World Legal Information Institute](#) is primarily a project of Australian university law faculties. It covers many areas of law; search environmental law [here](#).

[Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide](#) is a coalition of public interest lawyers from around the world. Its Resources Page organizes legal and scientific information regionally and topically; includes selected national laws and cases.

REFERENCE BOOKS- A (HIGHLY) SELECTIVE LIST

DOCUMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [K3583.D63 2004]

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [KJE6242.J36 2008]

GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [K3585. K5695 2007]

INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION [K3585 .S74 2009]

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN A NUTSHELL [K3585.6.G87 2007]

INTERNATIONAL LAW & THE ENVIRONMENT [K3585.4 B57 2009]

OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW [IK3585.O94 2007]

COMPENDIUM OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES [KQC705 .C65] (not updated since 1997)

And many more.

FINDING RESOURCES IN THE CATALOG

Call Number Ranges: vary by country/region

Subject Headings:

The Topic + Geographical Region convention also applies to subject headings for foreign and international law, e.g., “Environmental Law European Union Countries,” or “Land Use Law and Legislation Asia.” The same topics that are commonly used in U.S. law are also relevant to foreign and international law, including

- 1) [Environmental Law](#);
- 2) [Environmental Policy](#);
- 3) [Land Use Law and Legislation](#);
- 4) [Natural Resources](#);
- 5) [Air Pollution Law and Legislation](#);
- 6) [Water Pollution Law and Legislation](#); and
- 7) [Liability for Environmental Damages](#).

RESEARCH GUIDES

There are a number of detailed guides for researching international environmental law, including

- ❖ American Society of International Law’s (ASIL) [Environmental Research Guide](#)
- ❖ [Prof. David Hunter’s Research Guide](#)
- ❖ [Kiss & Shelton’s Guide to International Environmental Law \(available from SSRN\)](#)
- ❖ [Georgetown International Environmental Research Guide](#).

LOOSELEAFS AND NEWS SERVICES

Bloomberg/BNA [International Environment Reporter](#), available from the library’s website, includes international, national, and regional materials.

[Environmental Law Reporter](#) has an international section, including an [International News & Analysis](#) page, searchable by subject, continent, and country.

TREATIES AND RELATED MATERIALS

There are treaties and agreements governing a range of environmental law issues. ASIL maintains a database of [International Environmental Treaties and Related Materials](#).

Other treaty databases include

[Environmental Treaties & Resource Indicators \(ENTRI\)](#) a collection of treaties and other materials, from NASA and other contributors. It's unclear whether/how often this is updated, but the Treaty Locator is a very useful search tool.

[International Freshwater Treaties Database](#), maintained by the Oregon State University Program in Water Conflict Management and Transformation. A comprehensive collection of water treaties; also includes the [Transboundary Freshwater Disputes Database](#), a wide-ranging collection of materials on water resource management and conflict.

COMMONLY REFERENCED TREATIES

- ❖ [Law of the Sea](#)
- ❖ [Persistent Organic Pollutants \(POPS\)](#)
- ❖ [Biosafety Protocol \(Cartagena\)](#)
- ❖ [CITES: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora](#)
- ❖ [Convention on the Law of Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses](#)
- ❖ [International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships \(MARPOL 73/78\)](#)
- ❖ [International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling](#)
- ❖ [Ozone Treaties](#)
- ❖ [Agenda 21](#)
- ❖ [Rio Declaration on Environment and Development](#)
- ❖ [Convention on Biological Diversity](#)
- ❖ [Forest Principles](#)
- ❖ [Basel Convention](#)
- ❖ [Convention to Combat Desertification](#)
- ❖ [Framework Convention on Climate Change and Kyoto Protocol](#)
- ❖ [Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution](#)
- ❖ [North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation](#) (NAFTA side agreement)

UNITED NATIONS MATERIALS

The United Nations plays a significant role in international environmental law. Many of the treaties and agreements listed above are U.N. sponsored. Other treaties can be found in the [U.N. Treaty Collection](#). This service is available online; while it is rather difficult to search, it has several useful features, including the [Status of Treaties](#) (chapter XXVII covers environmental treaties), which lists signatories, ratification dates, and reservations.

The **U.N. Law Collection** from Hein Online is more user-friendly. It contains treaties, U.N. Yearbooks and serial publications, International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea materials, and other publications.

In addition, there are three U.N. databases that focus on environmental instruments, including treaties, national legislation and court decisions, and environmental policy materials:

[UNEP Environmental Law Instruments](#) includes environmental treaties since 1933 and is a more manageable set than the full treaty database.

[ECOLEX](#) is a joint venture of several UN agencies. It is a searchable database of treaties, national legislation, national and international judicial decisions, and other literature on environmental issues.

[FAOLEX](#) is a similar database from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization that also includes water and fishing treaties and materials, and FAO publications on international law topics relating to food policy, agriculture, rural development, biodiversity, environment and natural resource management.

Other U.N. programs with environmental jurisdiction include

- ❖ [United Nations Environment Programme](#);
- ❖ U.N. Department of Economic & Social Affairs, [Division for Sustainable Development](#);
- ❖ [U.N. International Maritime Organization](#); and
- ❖ [U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency \(IAEA\)](#).

EUROPEAN UNION MATERIALS

[European Union – Environmental Activities Page](#) EUROPA is the official website of the European Union and provides information on EU law and policy in a number of topic areas. The environmental page links to summaries of legislation and policy initiatives, the full text of legislation currently in force, and European Court of Justice opinions.

[European Environmental Law Network](#), under the auspices of a Dutch academic legal think tank. It has an extensive collection of primary and secondary legal sources for the EU and member countries.

JOURNALS WITH AN INTERNATIONAL OR FOREIGN FOCUS

- Review of European Community & International Environmental Law
- Scottish Planning and Environmental Law
- The South African Journal of Environmental Law and Policy
- New Zealand Journal of Environmental Law
- Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law
- Australian Journal of Environmental Management
- Eastern and Central European Journal on Environmental Law
- European Environment Review
- Georgetown International Environmental Law Review
- Journal of Environmental Law (Great Britain)
- Journal of Environmental Law and Practice (Canada).

INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND NON-PROFITS

As in the United States, there are a number of international non-profit organizations focused on environmental issues. A non-exhaustive list is presented below. The same caveats regarding objectivity and reliability discussed with reference to domestic organizations apply.

[Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#), a joint project of the U.N. Environment Program and the World Health Organization; scientific focus – reviews climate change research

[Center for International Environmental Law](#)

[OECD Environment Portal](#)

[Linkages](#), a news service for coverage of international environmental meetings and conferences

[North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation](#), the organization that oversees the implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (an adjunct to NAFTA)

[World Resources Institute](#), a global environmental think tank. It works with government, industry, and civil society organizations to address environmental challenges. Organizational publications, including empirical data sets, are available for download from the Publications Page.

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