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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Headquarters Library Status Update

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TO: All Headquarters Employees

EPA is in the process of implementing a new library plan to make environmental information more accessible to employees, researchers and the general public. As part of our efforts, the Agency is posting physical library collections on-line and enhancing electronic library services. At present, more than 15,000 journals and publications are available on-line and Agency documents can be obtained via interlibrary loans.

Although the physical library space at headquarters will close to walk-ins beginning October 1, 2006, employees will soon have access to the same documents and services through EPA's National Environmental Publications Systems internet site <http://nepis.epa.gov/pubtitle.htm>.

Materials that can not be electronically reproduced will be available via interlibrary loan through EPA's network of libraries. In addition, the EPA National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP)

<http://cincinnati.epa.gov/services/nscep/index.asp> has over 4,000 EPA titles available in hardcopy free of charge.

Employees and the general public will continue to be able to use the On-line Library System

<http://www.epa.gov/natlibra/ols.htm>, which includes all of the EPA library holdings.

Retrieving materials will now be more efficient and easier to locate by using the Agency's on-line collection and reference/research services.

For more information on the new library plan, as well as, information on how to use EPA's online library services visit <http://intranet.epa.gov/epahqirc/transition/>.