

On using the new NEPIS...

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I tried to search for a EPA document in NEPIS and it wouldn't come up.

I then went to the publication by report number and verified that it was there. I re-entered the number and still did not come up with it. Then I went to advanced search and searched by report number and year that the report was published. I allowed 5 years on either side of it and still didn't get the document. I then tried a looking up a couple of other documents and had the same problem.

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My first comment is that there is no way a casual or new user would know to go to advanced search and enter the year of the publication because of the different indexes used. They probably won't know the year of the publication for a starter.

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Secondly, I don't have any confidence in finding what I need to find in this database other than doing it by report number.

This is the second or third time I've run into this problem.

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Thirdly, it seems slow. I tried it earlier in the afternoon and it was extremely slow. Allowing for more traffic then, I tried it later and it is still slow to respond.

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Could it be patterned more after OLS? That seems intuitive and it works. Also, most librarians outside the Agency are already familiar with OLS. I've gotten several calls for documents that requesters said they couldn't find on the database yet I was able to find them going by report number search.

_____, Librarian

> US Environmental Protection Agency

Fellow NEPIS users,

I'm having some additional troubles with NEPIS. About 6 months ago, I reviewed a collection of Region 7 documents to determine if they were already in NEPIS so that R7 staff would not waste time sending items that were already in NEPIS. Using the Publication#/Title lists section of the

NEPIS website and then using the "control F" feature, I was able to find a good number already in NEPIS.

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Since so much time went by, R7 staff have begun rechecking NEPIS for the same documents using the Simple Search, Advanced Search and Search by Publication # features to confirm our original findings. What we are finding is worrisome...NEPIS comes back with a statement saying the documents are not in the system. However, when I search in the Publication#/Title lists section, they are there. So the items ARE still in NEPIS.

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I called the NCSEP helpline and while the rep was very kind, he was unable to assist me with a resolution and suggested I email them. I decided to send to the listserv to open the dialog and to help educate the primary users of the system who may also be having trouble and to ask for help from anyone who may have been successful in searching the new NEPIS site.

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Some of the document numbers in question are:

1. EPA 440-1-86-25

Development document for best conventional pollutant control technology effluent limitations guidelines for the pulp, paper, and paperboard and the builders' paper and board mills point source categories

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2. EPA 833B90102

NPDES compliance monitoring inspector training module : legal issues

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It looks like the main search features aren't working (at least not for the searches I've run) and I have confirmed this with several librarians. I am asking my staff not to use NEPIS to search for documents until we feel confident that we can find what is in there using the search features. This makes it difficult to help patrons and to move forward on the NEPIS scanning project. Can anyone provide guidance on how I should move forward?

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Thanks so much!

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_____, Library Director, US EPA Library

This week I noticed some problems when I used Search by Publication # option. I entered the publication number I wanted but received 0 results.

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When I searched the Publication #/Title Lists, the publication was actually there.

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I planned to monitor this to see, if I continued to have the same problem. However, I thought I would share with listserv, too.

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_____, Supervisory Librarian

I have noticed that same problem and have abandoned trying to search NEPIS any way other than by scrolling thru the numbered reports.

Whenever I was doing a search with the other ways I found that the results were not dependable. I've also found documents that were requested by customers who said they already looked at NEPIS and didn't find the title. This is a significant problem and I hope it can rapidly be resolved.

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_____, Librarian

Hello all,

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A patron has requested the following 2 reports. Anyone have a suggestion as to where they might be found? I did not find either on NEPIS. OLS lists the OPPTS holding for the first document.

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Main Title Occupational exposure and environmental release assessment of tetrachloroethylene
Publisher PEI Associates, Inc., Year Published 1985

Report Number EPA 560/1985 PEIAI/002 ; 68-02-3935
EJED EPA 560/1985 PEIAI/002 OPPTS Chemical
Library/Washington,DC

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"PEI Associates, Inc. Cincinnati, OH, Occupational Exposure and Environmental Release Assessment of Four Chlorinated Solvents When Used for Metal Cleaning, March 31, 1986."

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Thanks for any help!

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_____, Reference Librarian/

Hi all,

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I'm trying to locate this article/paper for a patron who needs it urgently. I suspect it's in one of the dockets, TSCA/OPPTS, but I've not been able to find an identifying number. And, even with an identifying number, I'm not sure the paper could be located in the docket given the flood damage and displacement of folks and documents, etc. I've been waiting on items from the docket for months and months....

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In any case, if you can help me locate these pages, please contact me off list. Don't fax--yet.

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> I've also seen the bulletin number listed/cited as SC-57-80, but I think it's SD-57-80.

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> Shell Chemical Co. : Allyl Chloride. In: Industrial Hygiene Bulletin No.

> SD-57-80. New York: Shell Chemical Co., Industrial Hygiene Department,

> 1958 (1959?), pp.1-6

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_____, Interlibrary Loan/Reference Librarian, US EPA Library

The following books and documents will be available until Thursday, January 18, 2007. Please contact me with any questions about the available items. Thank you.

List of 38 items]

_____, Assistant
EPA Library

Does anyone have access to an electronic copy of this?

Perhaps through

> J-Stor? I'd even settle for a faxed paper copy to 919-685-3313. We

> have online only back to 1997. THANKS!!
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> ECOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS , 1992 , Volume: 2 , Number: 2
(MAY)
> P. 107-110. LESSONS FROM NAPAP. RUSSELL M. OAK RIDGE
NATL LAB OAK
> RIDGE TN 00000 (Reprint); UNIV TENNESSEE, DEPT ECON &
ENERGY, CTR
> ENVIRONM & RESOURCES KNOXVILLE TN 37996.
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> _____, Library Director, US EPA Library

Hello all,

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A patron is searching for the following documents. All three of these reports are listed in the EPA catalog as being held at the OPPTS library. None of them are available through NEPIS or NTIS. (The request was also posted on the ERMD listserve, so everyone may have already seen this.)

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Any help is greatly appreciated!

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Main Title Industry sector analysis : 1,4-dioxane /
Author Bell, Ronald K.
Publisher GCA Corporation, Technology Division,
Year Published 1982
Report Number EPA 560/1982 GCAC/002 ; GCA-TR-82-07-G ; 68-01-5960
OCLC Number 42381057
Subject Added Ent Organic solvents ; Dioxane ; Chemical industry
Collation 9 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

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Main Title Ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, dioxane and related compounds : carcinogenicity and structure activity relationships : other biological properties : metabolism : environmental significance /
Publisher United States. Environmental Protection Agency, Chemical Hazard identification Branch,
Year Published 1982
Report Number EPA 560 1982.4 v.3 F
OCLC Number 42191068
Collation 54 p. (looseleaf) : ill. ; 30 cm.

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Main Title 1,4-Dioxane CAS : 123-91-1.
Publisher European Chemical Industry Ecology & Toxicology
Centre,
Year Published 1983
OCLC Number 18140994
Subject Added Ent Dioxane--Toxicology
Collation 13 p. ; 30 cm
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_____, Reference Librarian

Hello -
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does any one have this?
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Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health
1985, v.16 p.811 - 822
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if someone does can you please fax or send
electronically to me.
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many thanks -
_____, Library Manager