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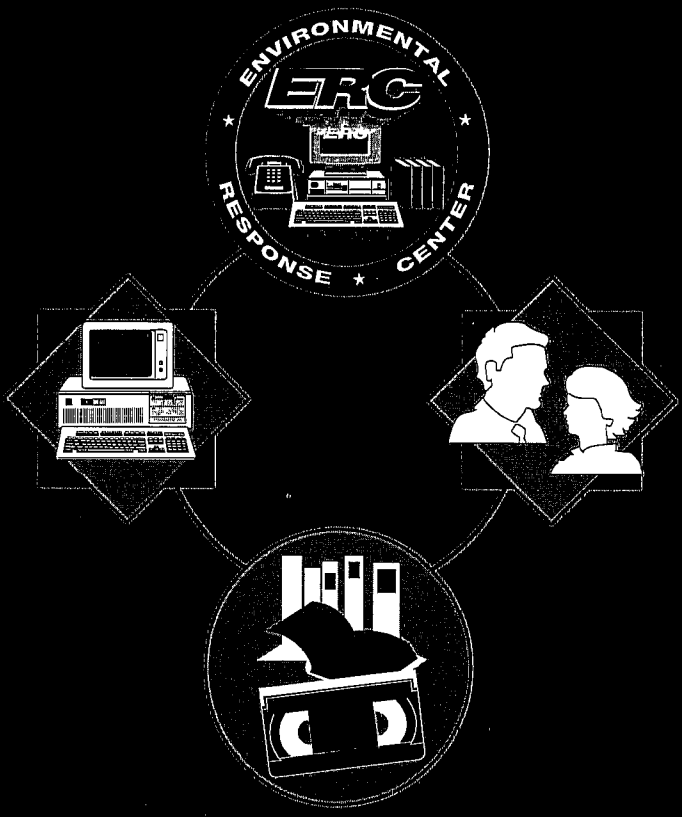


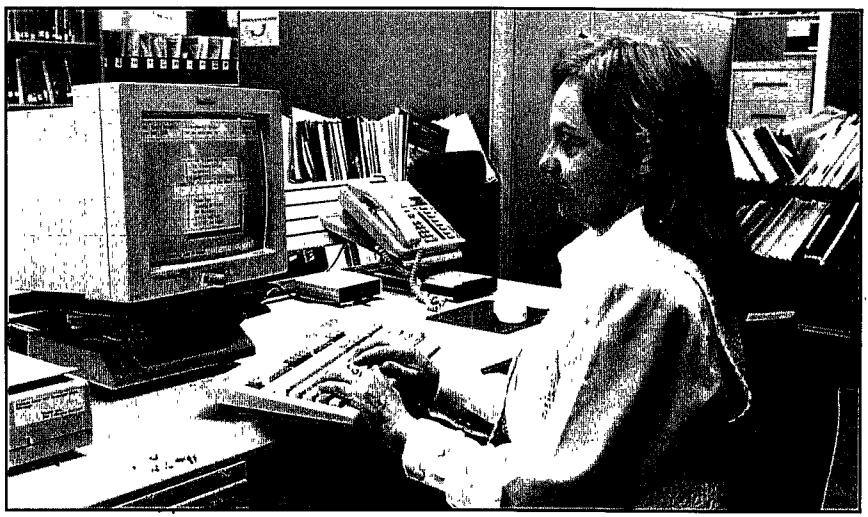
Your Link to...

Information about Hazardous Waste Cleanup and Emergency Response

Welcome to the ERC...

The Environmental Response Center, or ERC, is an information clearinghouse that supports the reference and research needs of its primary user, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Response Team (U.S. EPA/ERT). In addition to serving the U.S. EPA/ERT, the ERC assists other patrons such as On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs), Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) and U.S. EPA/ERT contractors. The ERC can often augment the research and information retrieval needs of other government cleanup community members (after these groups have consulted first with their respective regional and area libraries), serving as a liaison between them and the information they need.

The ERC's Technical Information Specialist and qualified staff routinely provide patrons with effective strategies for locating crucial, time-sensitive information. A variety of sources, including print media, electronic data, and audio/visual resources, are housed and managed at the ERC. Remote access to the electronic ERC network increases its outreach capabilities and can bring a variety of resources as close as your desk top.



Patron conducting research on ERC Network.

Information Needs...

Q. I'm planning a training demonstration. Where can I find slides and photos of hazmat workers dressed in Level C protective gear conducting sampling?

A. The ERC manages an image archive of over 6,000 photographs and slides that are available for review and duplication. New images are added to the system continuously.

Q. How can I update my chemical database for the Health and Safety Planner (HASP) software program?

A. HASP database downloads are available by accessing the ERC network via remote access.

Q. How can I receive information on establishing a work zone at an uncontrolled hazardous waste site?

A. The ERC Distribution Center can send you a fact sheet entitled *Establishing Work Zones at Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites*. In addition to fact sheets, the distribution center houses a wide variety of technical materials, from health and safety documents to videos. These materials are offered free of charge to the EPA community. Call the ERC distribution hotline at 1-800-999-6990 to request an order form of the available items.

Q. Is there a way that I can access the ERC Network from my own PC?

A. The ERC Remote Access Communications Package, available by request through the distribution center, allows 24-hour-a-day, toll-free remote access to some of the features of the ERC network. Using the package, you can view the ERC library catalog, perform searches with four available databases (including Soil Transport and Fate and Coordinated List of Chemicals), leave and receive message for other users via an electronic mail system, and perform file transfers.

Database Searches

- Air Methods
- Bioremediation in the Field Search System
- Coordinated List of Chemicals (CLC)
- Concentration of Indoor Pollutants (CIP)
- Environmental Monitoring Methods Index (EMMI)
- HASP Chemical Download
- Register of Lists (RoL)
- Risk Reduction Engineering Laboratory Treatability Database
- Site ID Information
- Soil Transport and Fate (STF)
- Vendor Information System for Innovative Treatment Technologies (VISITT)

U.S. EPA/ERT Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Distribution Resources

Publications

- Bulletins
- Fact Sheets
- Health and Safety Documents
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) (hard copies)

Software Packages

Environmental Response Videos

In-House, Hard-Copy Resources

Archives

Books

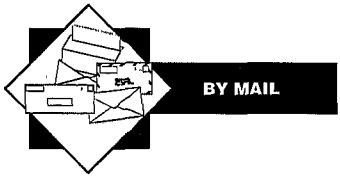
Government Documents

Journals/Journal Article Reprints

Visual Materials

Maps, Nautical Charts
Photographs
Slides
Videos

- The ERC's hours of operation are 8 AM to 5 PM EST Monday through Friday.



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