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National Focal Point



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INFOTERRA/USA is part of the United Nations Environment Programme's information exchange and referral service. INFOTERRA/USA provides environmental information to requestors and acts as a link to information services and expertise. INFOTERRA/USA responds to requests on any environmental topic at no charge.



INFOTERRA serves...

INFOTERRA/USA serves governments, scientists, international organizations, academia, industry and concerned citizens from around the world. INFOTERRA/USA responds to over 4,000 requests annually.



INFOTERRA provides...

INFOTERRA/USA provides answers to inquiries through U.S. government documents, technical reports, database searches and bibliographies. If necessary, referrals are provided to the government agency, international organization, information clearinghouse or environmental expert best able to respond to your information request.



INFOTERRA/USA CAN ...

Provide a variety of information, including:

- US environmental regulations
- Information on EPA Test Methods
- EPA Technical Reports
- Listing of documents on environmental topics
- Purchasing information for EPA documents
- Citizen's Guides
- Educational materials
- Referrals to international environmental experts, including INFOTERRA partners in over 150 different countries

Assist international visitors by:

- Conducting tours of EPA information facilities
- Guiding research at EPA Headquarters Library
- Providing demonstrations and searches of environmental databases

Help locate U.S. environmental information through:

- EPA and commercial database searches
- EPA documents and resources
- Other U.S. government documents, publications, and resources

Access international environmental information through the INFOTERRA International Directory of Sources:

- "Who's Who" of worldwide environmental expertise
- Focuses on research centers, governmental sources, and information clearinghouses
- Indexed by country and area of expertise



YOU CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION BY ...

- Writing, telephoning, faxing, or contacting INFOTERRA via e-mail
- Being as specific as possible in describing your area of interest
- Specifying how and by whom the information will be used
- Stating whether or not you can use microfiche copies of documents - we cannot always provide paper copies of EPA documents
- Including your complete mailing address along with telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address

THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME'S INFOTERRA NETWORK

INFOTERRA is designed to serve as a global gateway to information needed to solve environmental problems around the world.

The INFOTERRA system is comprised of:

National Focal Points (NFPs)

Network of over 165 participating nations sponsor access points where the public can seek answers to environmental questions. NFPs can draw on the resources of network partners to most efficiently respond to queries. NFPs also register and update sources for the INFOTERRA International Directory of Sources.

Regional Service Centres (RSCs)

RSCs assist NFPs in a geographical region by providing database searches, promoting communication and offering training and support where needed.

Special Sectoral Sources (SSS)

Recognized experts in areas of environmental studies who provide custom research on issues of special environmental priority.

Programme Activity Centre (PAC)

Located at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, the PAC coordinates network activities and promotion, provides training and assistance to NFPs, and publishes a network bulletin and the INFOTERRA International Directory of Sources.

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