



Public Information Center

PIC FOCUS

**EPA's
Window**

THE NEW PIC: A SHOWCASE FOR EPA MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTS

One of the special features of the new, improved Public Information Center will be its emphasis on displaying information in multimedia formats, including video-tapes and computer databases. Suzanne Annand of EPA's Information Access Branch is assembling a variety of EPA-produced videos and databases to showcase in PIC's new facility.

Some of the videos that Suzanne has collected are "Big Apple, Hot Apple," a documentary of an EPA emergency removal of radioactive and toxic waste from a site in Queens, New York; and "Estuary", a video that presents the ecological and human significance of estuaries. "Overview of the United States Environmental Protection Agency" shows how EPA operates, and "Pollution Prevention" describes some of the

benefits for companies that reduce pollution.

PIC will also have several computer terminals that visitors can use to access databases containing EPA data and bibliographic information. Already planned for

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inclusion at PIC are the Information Systems Inventory, which contains summary information on approximately 500 of EPA's databases and models; PEST-BANK, a set of commercial databases that covers 45,000 U.S. registered pesticides used in agriculture and industry; and Tree Game, developed by EPA's Region 1 as an educational tool for children.

These are just a sampling of videos and databases that will be on display at the new PIC. However, we need more. So if your office has

produced, or will produce in the near future, videos or databases containing information suitable for the public, including researchers, consumers, students, and others, please contact Suzanne Annand of the Information Access Branch, at 260-8298.

EARTHQUOTE

"We need to emphasize better outreach to affected constituencies and develop new modes of working with other federal agencies, states and localities, governments abroad, and our many other partners."

- From EPA's Meeting the Environmental Challenge, December 1990.



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PUBLIC ACCESS UPDATE

Last month's issue of PIC FOCUS gave an overview of the Government Printing Office (GPO). The GPO publications sales program embraces only a fraction of the titles issued by government agencies. To ensure public access to a wealth of information, the Government Printing Office administers the Federal Depository Library Program.

Each year nearly 1,400 Depository Libraries select titles relevant to their local needs from the thousands of new publications issued by the Federal Government and its agencies. More than 50 Regional Depository Libraries receive every unclassified government publication of interest to the public and retain them permanently, in either paper copy, microfiche, or CD-ROM.

Federal Depository Libraries are open to all who wish to visit and use their collections. Users can also take advantage of reference assistance and other services that may be available. For more information about the Depository Libraries, please contact:

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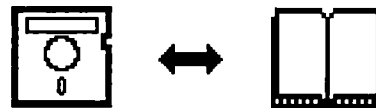
For a list of the 50 Regional Federal Depository Libraries contact PIC at 260-2080.

The next issue of **PIC FOCUS** will cover the services of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) in this column. For more information, please contact Ann Dugan, Public Access Librarian, (Contractor), at 260-5935.

PIC SUCCESS STORY: PIC, EPA Publications and Information Center, and Your Program Office; Perfect Together

PIC has successfully installed EPA's Master Automated Inventory System (MAIS), developed by OARM-Cincinnati. MAIS allows PIC staff to electronically process bulk orders of documents stored at the EPA Publications and Information Center (EPIC) in Cincinnati.

PIC uses MAIS to browse an inventory of over 31,000 EPA document titles. Through MAIS, staff can order documents to fill bulk requests, send documents directly to EPA staff at conferences, and restock PIC's supply of documents.



PIC works with EPA programs and EPIC to coordinate storage of documents at the clearinghouse in Cincinnati. The documents can either be placed in PIC's account or in your office's account. For details about establishing an account with EPIC, contact Earl Eastwood or Deborah McNealley at FTS 684-7980. For more information on distribution of your general-interest documents through PIC, please call Alison Cook, PIC Manager, (Contractor), at FTS 260-2080.

The Public Information Center is operated by LABAT-ANDERSON Incorporated (LAI) through EPA's Information Services Contract.

If you have comments or suggestions about **PIC FOCUS**, please contact Kevin Rosseel, PIC Director, (Contractor), at 260-1755.