

Public Information Center

PIC FOCUS

Public Access to Environmental Information Through EPA's Public Information Center (PIC)



The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) can assist you with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Because NTIS has a statutory-based fee schedule (based on 1987 changes to FOIA and related Office of Management and Budget guidelines), it can provide your material directly to the public without your involvement.

NTIS provides public access to documents and other items that might be requested under FOIA. For example, NTIS will maintain a partnership with EPA's Superfund Program. According to the Superfund Documents Coordinator. EPA's cooperation with NTIS is expected to result in a 50% reduction in printing costs, a 65% decrease in staff time required for distribution, and a user community that receives

top-notch service.

Current legislation provides incentives for FOIA officers to reduce administrative costs. When you enter products that are frequently requested under FOIA into the NTIS inventory, NTIS can fill orders, or even provide subscriptions for recurring publications. This frees the Agency's FOIA staff and also reduces your office's printing costs.

NTIS can ease your FOIA workload

If you think your office could take advantage of NTIS's services, please call Jeralene Green at EPA's Headquarters FOIA Office, FTS 260-4048. You may also want to call the Office of Program Management and Acquisitions at NTIS at (703) 487-4634. Copies of the Handbook of NTIS Services for Federal Agencies are available by calling PIC at FTS 260-7751.

EARTHQUOTE

"We need knowledge to care for ourselves, every part of the Earth and the life upon it, and all of the future generations as well."

> -The Dalai Lama in the Sept./Oct. EPA Journal

NEW ITEMS AT PIC

1992: The Year of Clean Water (calendar), America's Clean Water Foundation and U.S. EPA.

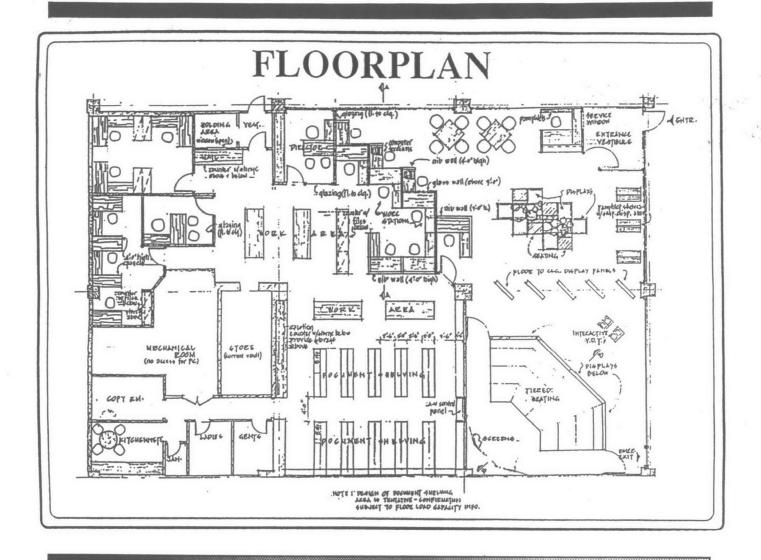
The Administrator's
Awards Program: Pollution
Prevention Awards,
December 1991, OCEPA
and Pollution Prevention
Division, 22K-1001.

The Next Environmental Policy: Preventing Pollution (Article by Administrator Reilly), September 1991, OCEPA, 22A-2000.

For copies, please call PIC at 260-7751.



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PIC PLANS RELOCATION TO NEW OFFICES

Construction has begun on the new Public Information Center, making PIC a window to EPA's goals and accomplishments.

As seen in the floorplan above, the new PIC, which will be located in the former National Bank of Washington at Waterside Mall, will feature exhibits of EPA activities and programs. The public area will boast workstations giving access to environmental databases, a 35-seat theater for multimedia presentations, and increased public seating and pamphlet displays. PIC will be the primary visitors' center at Headquarters.

The new Public Information Center is scheduled to be unveiled in Spring 1992. Further details about opening ceremonies and operations of the new PIC will appear in forthcoming issues of *PIC FOCUS*.

If you have any questions about PIC or its services, please contact Brigid Rapp, Chief, Information Access Branch at FTS 260-8710, or Kevin Rosseel, PIC Director (Contractor) at FTS 260-2080.

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