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- Produce customized bibliographies.

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The EPA National Library Network consists of libraries and repositories in the Agency's Headquarters, regional and field offices, research centers, and specialized laboratories located throughout the country. EPA's Online Library System (OLS) is a Web-accessible gateway to the collections in the Network. Use OLS to search for EPA publications, books, serials, National Technical Information Service (NTIS) reports and special collections.

<http://www.epa.gov/libraries/ols.htm>

### OLS Benefits:

- Time savings—quickly locate materials across all EPA libraries.
- Convenient Internet access—available to EPA staff and the public.
- Central inventory of EPA library collections.

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## ABOUT OLS



OLS is the Online Library System for the National Library Network of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

It is the most comprehensive listing of and index to tens of thousands of EPA published documents—both paper and electronic—in existence.

OLS is updated regularly and may be searched in many ways, such as by title, author, or keyword. Materials include EPA publications, government reports, books, journals, videos, CD-ROMs and DVDs, as well as links to full-text accessible documents.

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## SEARCHING TIPS & TRICKS

- Search for EPA report numbers with or without punctuation and capitalization. If one technique does not yield results, try another.

**Example – epa310R95002**  
– Epa/310-r-95-002  
– 310r95002  
– 310R95

- Build an advanced search using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT).

**Example – mercury AND toxicity**

- Specify search limitations by selecting from the advanced search drop-down options:
  - all the words
  - exact phrase
  - any words
- Use the advanced search screen to limit the search to a particular publication date. Search a range of publication dates by using a colon.

**Example – 1995:1999**

- Generate bibliographies from search results by choosing the “Bibliography” option.
- Narrow your search to the holdings of one or more EPA libraries by selecting from a list of locations

## OLS DATABASES

**National Catalog** – Citations and summaries on environment-related topics from the holdings of the libraries in the EPA National Library Network, including National Technical Information Service (NTIS) reports.

**Air Pollution Technical Information Center (APTIC)** – Index to over 85,000 air pollution journal articles and documents published prior to 1978.

**Ground Water Ecosystems Restoration** – Citations for documents on the topic of ground water ecosystems and subsurface remediation.

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