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Energy Law Research Guide

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A good starting point for research in energy and environmental law issues is the legal periodical literature, such as law reviews, journals, newspapers and newsletters. Legal periodical indexes provide more thorough coverage of the legal literature than what is available through the full text databases on LEXIS and WESTLAW. To ensure thorough research of the legal literature, both indexes and full text databases should be searched.

Indexes to Legal Periodicals:

The following indexes provide citations to and selected full text of articles. Each database varies somewhat in its coverage of the legal literature. To conduct a comprehensive search of the topic, it is important to search all indexes:

1. *Current Index to Legal Periodicals*

[Current Index to Legal Periodicals \(CILP\)](#) (commercial web version)

- Indexes articles from over 500 legal publications
- Citations only to journal articles organized by broad legal topics
- Complete tables of contents of journals indexed in CILP included in each issue
- Weekly

Search Tip:

Use the following topics in CILP to locate citations to current articles on sustainable growth and development:

Administrative Law

Energy and Utilities Law

Environmental Law

International Law

State and Local Government Law

Water Law

WESTLAW: [CILP](#) (most recent 8 weeks only)

Search Tip:

Restrict a search by "field." For example: **topic**("energy and utilities law") retrieves citations to articles listed under the topic "energy and utilities law."

2. *LegalTrac*

- Citations to articles, often with abstracts
- Selected full text
- Over 875 journals, including law reviews, legal newspapers, bar association journals and international legal journals published in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia
- Also included are law-related articles from over 1,000 business and general journal titles

[LegalTrac](#) (commercial web version)

LEXIS ([LAWREV:LRI](#)) (1980-)

WESTLAW ([LRI](#)) (1980-)

3. *Index to Legal Periodicals and Books (ILP)*

Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective (1908-1981)

- Citations to articles and selected books
 - Selected full text articles
 - Coverage of over 500 law reviews, journals, yearbook and government publications from the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand
 - Commercial Databases
- [Index to Legal Periodicals and Books \(ILP\)](#) (commercial web version)
[Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective \(1908-1981\)](#) (commercial web version)

LEXIS ([LAWREV; ILP](#)) (1978-)

WESTLAW ([ILP](#)) (July 1981-)

4. *Environmental Law Reporter News & Analysis*

- Published by the Environmental Law Institute (ELI)
 - Monthly
 - Contains scholarly articles on new areas of environmental law
 - Each issue contains a "**Journal Literature**" section listing citations to journal articles by topic
- [ELR: Environmental Law Reporter](#) (commercial web version)

Search Tip:

To conduct a "Journal Literature" search, click on "Indices and Search Tools," then "Cumulative U.S. Law Review Bibliography."

LEXIS ([ENVIRN:NEWS](#)) (1971-)

Search Tip:

The segment "**sec-name**" restricts a search to the "Journal Literature" section of News & Analysis. Adding the segment "**title**" will further restrict a search to a particular subject. Thus, the search: **sec-name (journal literature) and title(environmental law)** will retrieve citations to articles appearing in the "Journal Literature" section of News & Analysis under the topic "environmental law." Citations to articles link to selected full text of law review and journal articles available on LEXIS.

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5. *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP)*

- Published by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- Citations to articles
- 1985-
- Covers over 500 selected legal periodicals dealing with international law (public and private), comparative law and municipal law of those countries other than the U.S., the British Isles and the British Commonwealth, whose systems of law have a common law basis
- Source of discussion and analysis of international and foreign sustainable growth and development articles

[Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals \(IFLP\)](#) (commercial web version)

B. Full Text Law Reviews, Journals and Legal Newsletters

1. Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) Newsletters

- Current analysis and reporting of domestic and international environmental legislation, case law and regulations
- Full text news articles link to related web sites and documents

- Search by keyword
- Browse by date
- Text and PDF formats

[Daily Environment Report](#) (Sept. 1994-) (commercial web version)
(Listed Under "BNA Web Notification")
LEXIS ([BNA;BNAED](#)) (July 1992-)

WESTLAW ([BNA-DEN](#)) (July 1992-)

Print: SL3: KF3775 .A15D35 (1993-2002)

[Environment Reporter-Current Reports](#) (weekly) (1996-) (commercial web version)
(Listed Under "BNA Web Notification")

LEXIS ([BNA;ENVREP](#)) (1982-)

WESTLAW ([BNA-ER](#)) (1986-)

Print: SL3: KF3775 .A6E49 (1970-)

[International Environment Report Daily](#) (2001-) (commercial web version)
(Listed Under "BNA Web Notification")

LEXIS ([BNA;BNAIED](#)) (1991-)

WESTLAW ([BNA-IED](#)) (1991-)

[International Environment Report](#) (biweekly) (Feb. 1996-) (commercial web version)
(Listed Under "BNA Web Notification")

LEXIS ([BNA;INTENV](#)) (Sept. 1987-)

WESTLAW ([BNA-INTENVR](#)) (Feb. 1998-)

Print: SL2: K3585.4 .I572 1978 (1987-)

2. [Hein Online](#) (commercial web database)

- Full text
- PDF
- Coverage of a journal often extends from volume 1 to date
- Retrieve by citation (volume, journal title, page number)
- Search by author, title or keyword
- Browse by journal title, article title or author

3. LEXIS

[ENERGY; ALLNWS](#)

Full text articles energy/utility industry newsletters and journals

[LAWREV; ALLREV:](#)

Full text articles from U.S. and Canadian law reviews and journals

[ENVIRN;ENVLR:](#)

Full text articles from many environmental law journals and newsletters

(Note: To conduct a thorough search for law review and journal articles on environmental and energy law issues, search ALLREV and ENVLR)

[ENVIRN; ENVRN](#):

A collection of environmental law newsletters, including state environmental newsletters, which provide discussions of state and local environmental/energy law issues.

News & Business > News

U.S. national and regional newspapers as well as international newspapers are also sources of information on energy and environmental law issues.

4. WESTLAW

[TP-ALL](#) database:

Full text articles from law reviews and journals, texts and treatises

[JLR](#) database:

Full text articles from law reviews, journals and CLE course handbooks

[EN-TP](#) database:

Full text articles from law reviews, practice materials, CLE course materials, and bar journals relating to the regulation of the energy industry

[ENV-LR](#) database:

Contains environmental law reviews, texts and bar journals

Business & News databases:

U.S. national and regional newspapers as well as international newspapers

5. [E-Journal Finder: TDNet](#)

A research tool that provides links to full text online versions of legal and interdisciplinary journals, periodicals, and newspapers collected by the Jacob Burns Law Library and other GW libraries.