



Grey Literature

Databases		
Resource	Content	Access
BCEOHRN Grey Literature Database	Environmental/occupational health-related documents produced in BC	free
BIOSIS Previews	Citations of current research reported in biological/medical literature: articles, reviews, books, book chapters, meeting documents, meeting reports	subscription required
Cochrane Library	High-quality, independent evidence: reliable evidence from Cochrane, other systematic reviews, clinical trials, more	free
Conference Papers Index	Citations to papers/poster sessions presented at major international scientific meetings; subject emphasis on life sciences/environmental sciences	subscription required
Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects (CRISP)	Database projects funded by US federal government; can search for: scientific concepts, emerging trends/techniques, specific projects and investigators	free
OAlster	Over 21 million digital records on wide range of topics - many environmental health	free
PapersFirst	580,000 individual published papers from: congresses, symposiums, conferences, expositions, workshops, meetings	subscription required
ProceedingsFirst	Proceedings of over 19,000 congresses, symposiums, conferences, expositions, workshops, meetings	subscription required
Proquest Dissertations and Theses	2 million records of doctoral dissertations/masters theses; online abstracts for dissertations available since July 1980 (full text since 1997); more than 90% of North American doctoral dissertations and growing international coverage	subscription required
Toxipedia	Provides links to: major government agencies, non-government organizations, universities, professional societies on issues related to toxicology, public health, environmental health	free
TRIP Database	Search engine/database with hundreds of medical websites (many offering evidence-based information); search results presented under 13 sections according to information type (CPGs, systematic reviews, medical images)	free

Catalogues		
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AMICUS	30 million records of Canadian library holdings; can also search Canadian theses	free
CND Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI)	National science library and leading scientific publisher: conference proceedings, technical reports	free

National Library of Medicine Gateway (US)	Searches across multiple database at National Library of Medicine	free
WorldCat (international)	Searches international library catalogues; largest of its kind	free

Government Documents

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Canadian enviroOSH Legislation	Health and safety acts/regulations; codes of practice/guidelines for Canadian jurisdictions (federal, provincial, territorial); <i>note: some access may be limited</i>	free
Canadian Research Index	Catalogue of: Canadian federal, provincial, territorial, regional, local government publications	subscription required
Europa (EU)	Legislation, fact sheets, newsletters, policy briefings from European Union; can limit to Public Health or can search via the EU Bookstore	free
Government of Canada Depository Services Program	Electronic copies of Government of Canada publications; can browse by subject (e.g., pesticides, wind energy, air quality)	free
GPO Access (US)	Catalogue and online access to US government publications	free
Statistics Canada	Information covering many aspects of Canadian life: reports, newsletters, raw data that can be manipulated into tables	free
Science.gov (US)	Over 38 databases and 1,950 selected websites; 200 million pages of authoritative US government science information: research, development results	free

Directories

Resource	Content	Access
Inventory of Environmental Health-Related Databases	Listings of EH-related databases identified for First Nations Environmental Health Innovation Network	free

Organizational Websites

Resource	Content	Access
Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (UK)	Abstracts of SRs; assessment reviews; Cochrane reviews; abstracts of work-in-progress; international HTAs	free
CDC's Environmental Health Services (US)	Manuals, fact sheets, reports, EHS specialist network, extensive publication list	free
EnHealth Council (Australia)	Discussion papers in various EH areas: Health Justice, Health Systems, Human Environment	free
Environment Canada	Range of environmental topics; doesn't necessarily include health implications	free
Environmental Protection Agency	Federal agency; vast information on EH topics: research, laws, regulations, publications. Note: check out the A-Z Index for an overview of all topics	free

Health Canada: Environmental and Workplace Health	Documents and advice on common environmental factors affecting human health; Extensive Publications section	free
HealthEvidence.ca	Mainly SR reviews; also studies and ongoing research updates; creation of discussion group is being considered	free
Health Protection Agency (UK)	Established 2003 to provide information to health professionals/public: EH topics (e.g., mobile phone and cancer); extensive publication list: journals, newsletters, and more	free
Institut national de santé publique du Québec	Public health topics through in-house research; mainly in French with some English material	free
National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (UK)	Fact sheets, research findings on various EH topics	free
Ontario Public Health Association	Extensive resource section: position papers, research reports; public health standards in Ontario	free
World Health Organization	Specialized page devoted to EH; extensive Publication Page	free

Search Engines	
Resource	Content
Complete Planet	70,000 specialized search engines/databases for places not indexed by Google
DogPile	Federated search engine: Google, Yahoo, MSN, LiveSearch
Google	Search behemoth; for limits of more specific material use limiters: e.g., urban agriculture AND (poster* OR abstract* OR proceeding* OR report*)
Google Scholar	Federated search engine: scholarly articles (mainly), webpages, conference presentations, posters
Scirus	Science-specific search engine that searches 485 million webpages; often returns thousands of hits so filters/limiters needed

Additional Sources of Information	
Organizational Websites/Professional Association Websites:	Specific to research topic; excellent starting points for any search; many sites have 'resources' or 'publications' page with relevant material; <i>note: as with most grey literature this content may need evaluation for potential bias</i>
Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI)	Professional association; limited access to: EH reviews (association journal), core competencies, question forum
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine	Represents more than 5,000 health professionals in EH; position papers, limited research reports, online bookstore
National Environmental Health Association (US)	Professional society for EH practitioners; core competencies, position papers, online bookstore
Personal Communication	Once there is established contact with a researcher/worker in your field of interest, will send/point you in the direction of documents/resources not previously available

<p>Listservs:</p> <p>Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety's Listserv List</p> <p>CDC Environmental Health Services Listserv</p>	<p>Current information from practitioners in the field (a good way to read latest developments/ask questions that may provide immediate replies from Listserv community)</p>
<p>Researcher/Scientist Tracking</p>	<p>Make note of researchers working in your area then search by: academic affiliations, research group, personal website; many researchers now include lists of publications on their webpage - mainly grey literature</p>
<p>Website Changes:</p> <p>TrackEngine.com</p> <p>WatchThatPage.com</p>	<p>Set a monitor for webpages of organizations that produce information relevant to your topic (particularly if they don't have RSS feeds); users will be alerted to new page content</p>

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