



Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: A SELECTIVE RESEARCH GUIDE

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Overview:

The Research Guide is a selective resource to assist the legal researcher in conducting research in the area of United States Environmental Law. It is not comprehensive in scope or intended to be a catchall source, but rather to act as a starting point for the researcher to find additional sources and relevant information. At its core, the guide attempts to lead the researcher to up-to-date items held by the Cooley libraries.

Environmental law may encompass a wide array of legal areas. This guide focuses upon environmental issues pertaining to human health and natural resource issues. Except for a handful of exceptions, land use issues have been omitted. Additionally, the guide is tilted towards Michigan sources on the topic while other state specific sources have been deliberately omitted. Lastly, it should be noted that Michigan's environmental laws have been predominately codified in the National Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

I. MICHIGAN SOURCES

Environmental Compliance in Michigan

Location: KFM4554 .A428 1990

The two volume looseleaf covers United States and Michigan environmental issues impacting the public's health and welfare.

"Environmental Protection" in Michigan Civil Jurisprudence. Vol. 9

Location: KFM4280 .C3 1957

The topic found in the popular Michigan legal encyclopedia offers a succinct overview of the various areas encompassing environmental law in Michigan. It is updated by pocket parts.

Land Use Law Update in Michigan

Location: KFM4658.A75 L367 2004

The book assists users in managing the legal maze of land division, land use under part 201 and CERCLA, and potential environmental issues arising under NREPA that land developers might encounter in Michigan.

Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated by West



Location: KFM4230 1948 .A44

The annotations located within the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Chapter 324) offers legal researchers the most useful resource in interpreting the statutory language.

Michigan Compiled Laws Service by LexisNexis

Location: KFM4230 2001 .A43

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II. DICTIONARY/ACRONYMS

Environment and the Law: A Dictionary by Vicki R. Patton-Hulce

Location: KF3775.A68 P38 1995

The dictionary includes some cases and statutes as part of its definitions.

Environmental Acronyms ed. by Julie Hong

Location: KF3775.Z9 E45 1995

Environmental law is infused with acronyms. This resource will assist researchers in uncovering an acronym's name or phrase.

Environmental Law Lexicon by Nicholas A. Robinson

Location: KF3775.A68 R67 1992

The looseleaf is a comprehensive updated source of legal and scientific environmental terms and phrases.

Glossary of Environmental and Regulatory Terms and Phrases ed. by Dick James & W.J. James.

Location: KF3775.A68 G56 1993

III. NATIONAL TREATISES

Energy Law and Transactions ed. by David J. Muchow & William A. Mogel

Location: KF2120 .E535 1990

While no longer updated by the library since 1999, the six volume treatise still offers researchers a unique and comprehensive source focusing on energy related laws, regulations and issues. Considering how inexorably entwined are energy and environmental laws, this source serves to provide guidance and assistance on the environmental issues impacting energy development and vice versa.

Environmental Law by William H. Rodgers Jr.

Location: KF3775 .R59 1986

The four volume set covers areas such as: air and water; pesticides and toxic substances; and, hazardous waste. It is updated through pocket parts and supplements.

Environmental Regulation of Land Use by Linda A. Malone

Location: KF5698 .M264 1990



It offers a legal examination of the intersection between environmental laws and real property.

Environmental Regulation of Real Property by Nicholas A. Robinson

Location: KF5698 .R6 1982

The guide endeavors to act as a starting point for attorneys to acquaint themselves with issues overlapping between environmental laws and real property.

Law of Independent Power: Development, Cogeneration, Utility Regulation by Steven Ferry

Location: KF2125 .F47 1989

The three volume set examines the law of energy generating projects from development to environmental compliance.

Law of Chemical Regulation and Hazardous Waste by Donald W. Stever

Location: KF3958.S74 1986

The four volume treatise is a very in-depth resource in the area of chemical regulatory law. It examines statutory law, case law and agency rules and policies.

Law of Hazardous Waste: Management, Clean-up, Liability and Litigation ed. by Susan M. Cooke

Location: KF3946 .L39 1987

The five volume treatise examines federal and state case law, statutes and agency regulations dealing with hazardous waste.

Law of Solid Waste, Pollution, Protection and Recycling by Jeffrey M. Gaba & Donald W. Stever

Location: KF3816.R4 G3

The two volume set focuses on solid waste and recycling issues.

Law of Water Rights and Resources by A. Dan Tarlock

Location: KF5569 .T37 1988

As its title suggests the treatise focuses on the law surrounding water issues.

Law of Wetlands Regulation by William L. Want

Location: KF5624 .W36 1989

The law and regulation of wetlands is the focus of this book.

Oil and Gas Law by Howard R. Williams & Charles J Meyers

Location: KF1849.W542 1959

The eight volume treatise provides a detailed account of the legal issues encompassing the extraction of oil and gas resources. A heavy emphasis is placed on property rights.

Public Natural Resources Law by George Cameron Coggins & Robert L Glicksman

Location: KF5505 .C642

The three volume treatise serves as a terrific source to issues surrounding United States's federal land.



Treatise on Environmental Law by Frank P. Grad

Location: KF3775.G7

The eight volume treatise continually updates new happenings in federal environmental law.

Waters and Water Rights

Location: KF645 .W3 1991

The seven volume treatise examines the multifaceted legal history and issues surrounding water in the United States. The fifth volume also examines some international water laws. It is updated by pocket parts.

IV. NATIONAL GUIDES

Air Pollution Control Law: Compliance and Enforcement by Arnold W. Reitze Jr.

Location: KF3812.R448 2001

The book begins by providing researchers with a legislative history of the United States's Air Pollution control and precedes from there. The book offers numerous footnotes throughout the chapters.

Brownfields: A Comprehensive Guide to Redeveloping Contaminated Property ed. by Todd S. Davis

Location: KF3946 .B768 2002

Federal and state legal issues encompassing the redevelopment of contaminated properties are analyzed in this book.

Clean Air Act Handbook, The ed. by Robert J. Martineau, Jr. & David P. Novello

Location: KF3812.C554 2004

Focusing on the Clean Air Act, the book begins by presenting an overview of the law before going into more detail in the following chapters.

Clean Water Act Handbook, The ed. by Mark A. Ryan

Location: KF3787.12.c53 2003

Focusing on the Clean Water Act, the book begins by presenting an overview of the law before going into more detail in the following chapters.

Endangered Species Act: Law, Policy and Perspectives ed. by Donald C. Baur & Wm. Robert Irvin

Location: KF5640.E83 2002

The book presents a discussion of the Endangered Species Act by various legal experts in the field.

Environmental Law by Margaret C. Jasper

Location: KF3775.Z9 J37 2002

The slim book presents a brief overview of environmental law.

“Environmental Law and Land Use Planning” by Frank F. Skillern in Specialized Legal Research ed. by Penny A. Hazelton

Location: KF240 .S69



The detailed annotated research guide includes physical and digital items of interest to legal researchers in the environmental field. It may be used in conjunction with this guide for a listing of other pertinent sources.

Environmental Law: Examples and Explanations by Steven Ferrey

Location: KF3775.Z9 F47 2007

The book undertakes to deconstruct the major environmental areas into more manageable portions. It is a useful introductory source for persons undertaking research in environmental law.

Environmental Law Forms Guide by Richard H. Mays

Location: KF3775.A65 M392

The five volume set assists legal researchers with drafting pleadings relating to particular environmental issues.

Environmental Law Handbook

Location: KF3775 .E473

The Handbook is prepared by experts in a particular environmental field in an attempt to offer concise introductory insights to researchers.

Federal Environmental Laws

Location: KF3775.A29 F43

Since federal environmental laws are dispersed in various United States Code Annotated (USCA) titles, West has attempted to extract the major environmental sections into one easy to use book in an effort to assist the environmental legal researcher.

NEPA Book: A Step-by-Step Guide on how to Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, The by Ronald E. Bass, Albert I. Herson & Kenneth M. Bogdan

Location: KF3775.B37 2001

The book offers recommendations on how to effectively implement and manage NEPA's provisions.

RCRA Practice Manual, The ed. by Theodore L. Garrett

Location: KF3946.R354 2004

The book seeks to provide practitioners with a guide to the issues revolving around the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Wetlands Law & Policy: Understanding Section 404 by Kim Connolly, Stephen Johnson & Douglas Williams

Location: KF5624.W38 2005

While offering a background to Wetlands policy, this books major contribution is in elucidating regulatory and judicial rulings. Section 404 is the book's primary focus.

V. NUTSHELLS & HORNBOOKS

Coastal and Ocean Management Law in a Nutshell by Donna R. Christie & Richard G. Hildreth

Location: KF5627.Z9 C48 2007



Coastal and Ocean Law are discussed in this familiar Nutshell series.

Energy Law in a Nutshell by Joseph P. Tomain & Richard D Cudahy

Location: KF2120.Z9 T65 2004

Energy law is the topic examined in this familiar Nutshell series.

Environmental Law by William H. Rodgers Jr.

Location: KF3775 .R59 1994

As a part of West's Hornbook series the book assists students and researchers develop a better understanding of the major areas of environmental law.

Environmental Law in a Nutshell by by Roger W. Findley & Daniel A. Farber

Location: KF3775.Z9 F56 2008

Environmental law is the topic discussed in this familiar Nutshell series.

Law of Hazardous Wastes and Toxic Substances in a Nutshell by John G. Sprankling & Gregory S. Weber

Location: KF3945.Z9 S685 2007

Hazardous wastes are discussed in this familiar Nutshell series.

Modern Public Land Law in a Nutshell by Robert L. Glicksman & George Cameron Coggins

Location: KF5605.G58 2006

Land law is examined in this familiar Nutshell series.

Natural Resources Law by Jan G. Laitos

Location: KF5505.L35 2002

As a part of West's Hornbook series, the book assists students and researchers develop a better understanding of natural resources law.

Water Law in a Nutshell by David H. Getches

Location: KF5569.3 G48 1997

Water law is the topic analyzed in this familiar Nutshell series.

VI. DIRECTORIES

Gale Environmental Sourcebook

Location: GE20 .G35

The sourcebook presents researchers with a comprehensive directory to environmental organizations, publications and agencies.

VII. LOOSELEAF SERVICES

Chemical Waste Litigation Reporter

Location: KF3945.A59 C48

The monthly service provides legal developments in the areas of the Clean Water Act, RCRA and Superfund. Additionally, other legal cases are discussed if they touch upon chemical waste issues. Case digests, news and significant cases are also included in the service.



Environmental Law Reporter

Location: KF3775.A6 E5 and online at: <http://www.elr.info/index.cfm>

The monthly service is no longer published in print. Since 2003 new environmental analysis is distributed via the web for which the library holds a subscription to the service. It is widely considered as an essential source for environmental researchers. There are separate sections devoted to: latest environmental news, federal, state, international materials and litigation updates.

Environment Reporter

Location: KF3775.A5 E58

The service produced by BNA covers federal and state environmental legal updates. A section is devoted to current developments which weekly informs researchers of current environmental happenings. Another section contains articles that comprehensively covers a particular topic. The next part details federal regulations and federal laws. State environmental issues are another section following with recent important environmental decisions rounding out the last section. Another section located at call number: KF3775.A5 E58 is where the Environment Reporter Cases may be found.

VIII. DATABASES

Lexis

Under the Heading “Area of Law – By Topic” researchers will find an “Environment” topic. By selecting the topic, researchers will find a variety of environmental law resources at their disposal. This includes: environmental cases, statutes, regulations, news, journals, site records, and treatises.

Treatises of note available on Lexis include:

Kuntz, Law of Oil and Gas	2NDARY;LAWO&G
Environmental Law Reporter All	ENVIRN;ALLELR
Treatise on Environmental Law	ENVIRN;TOELAW
The law of Hazardous Waste	ENVIRN;LWHAZW
Environmental Law in Real Estate & Business Transactions	ENVIRN; ELREBT

Westlaw

Under the Heading “Topical Practice Areas” in the Westlaw Directory researchers will find an “Environmental Law” topic. By selecting the topic, researchers will find a variety of environmental law resources at their disposal. This includes: environmental cases, statutes, regulations, news, journals, site records, and treatises.

Treatises of note available on Westlaw include:

Clean Air Act Handbook	CLNAIRHB
Environmental Law (treatise)	ENVLAW
Environmental Regulation of Land Use	ENVRLNDU
Law of Toxic Torts	LTOXICT
Law of Wetlands Regulation	LWETR
Public Natural Resources Law	PUBNRL
State Environmental Law	STENVNL



IX. INTERNET RESOURCES

Environmental Law Net

<http://lawvianet.com/>

The site is clear and simple to use to find federal and state environmental materials located on the web. It works much like an index to some of the more important environmental resources located on the web.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq>

The department is charged with regulating environmental factors such as: air, land, waste and water. The site offers researchers a tremendous source of Michigan environmental rules, regulations and studies.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

<http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

The department is charged with regulating natural resource issues and practices within the state of Michigan.

North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation

<http://www.cec.org>

Under the section "Publications and Information Resources" select "Databases" is where you will find a "Summary of Environmental Law in North America." By clicking on the United State's flag next to a topic, the section will provide you with an overview of the subject along with embedded links to federal statutes, regulations and agencies.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

<http://www.usda.gov>

The forest service is located under the Department's umbrella where additional background information may be sought.

U.S. Department of Energy

<http://www.energy.gov>

You will find information on environmental topics dealing with nuclear waste, clean air, and NEPA at this government site.

U.S. Department of the Interior

<http://www.doi.gov/>

The Department oversees the Bureau of Land Management, Natural Parks, Fish and Wildlife and mining concerns among others. Background Information on these natural resource's divisions may be located at this site.

U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division

<http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/>

A part of the United States Department of Justice the Division prosecutes cases dealing with infractions to the nation's environmental laws. The website offers a limited amount of resources to researchers including consent decrees and press releases.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/>

The official federal agency handling environmental issues, legal researchers will find a bonanza of information including: laws, regulations, newsletters and a variety of other information of interest.

U.S. EPA Libraries

<http://www.epa.gov/natlibra/index.html>

The online EPA libraries offer researchers with a wonderful source of agency materials on environmental protection and management. Besides offering some legal information, reports from different environmental related disciplines may also be found.

