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Advanced Environmental Legal Research
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<u>Students: Come to the first class with a written description to hand in, of the environmental legal topic you intend to research *and* your intended audience for the memo. See *Research Memo Expectations* on the course TWEN site for details. Choose a topic focused on U.S. environmental law, federal and/or state.</u>

Pre-Class Assignments:
It is essential that pre-class work be done before each class.
In-class work will build on pre-class work, and students will be expected to explain how they the explored the resources, **and present the resources they have selected for their Research Memos**.

Class 1
Pre-class Reading and Assignments and applying what you've learned to your Research Memo:

➢ Thoroughly read the Research Memo instructions on the TWEN site. Determine a title for your Memo, the intended audience/recipient(s) of your Memo, and also write a description (one paragraph minimum to one page maximum) of your Research Memo topic. Choose a U.S. federal and /or state topic. You can add an international perspective, if you wish, but the focus must be on U.S. environmental law. **Print out a paper copy of this description and bring it with you to turn in during the first class.**

➢ Read: Law Library Basics
http://nyulaw.libguides.com/content.php?pid=355864&sid=2910430
Read two sections: Legal Research - Secondary Sources, and Legal Research - Primary Sources, as a research review.

➢ Read: Julien Guide (all sections) - http://libguides.vermontlaw.edu/julien

➢ Do an Advanced Search in Julien for something related to your Research Memo topic. Consider limiting your search results to material type: ebook. Browse your search results.

- **WorldCat** (a free site)
  http://www.worldcat.org
  > Explore. For identifying relevant books, it is almost unbeatable. It lists nearby (mostly academic) libraries that own the books**.** It also indexes additional resources, and often links to full-text material.

- **VLS Environmental Law Research LibGuide**
  http://libguides.vermontlaw.edu/EnvLawResources
  > Become familiar with what is included in this important Libguide!

- **VLS Subscription Sites:** Explore two environmental Databases listed in the Environmental Law Research LibGuide.

- **VLS Environmental Law Research Sources (ELRS)** Access through the Environmental Law Research LibGuide Explore.
  > VLS *Environmental Law Research Sources* is a collection of 500+ free websites organized by topic, with descriptions, selected in consultation with VLS faculty and students