

HOW DO I USE ADVANCED SEARCH?

The advanced search function provides for a search of the database by using specific criteria: date, author, recipient, title, regulatory part and subpart, regulatory section, statutory citation, fax-on-demand code, RCRA Permit Policy Compendium (RPPC) number, National Technical Information Service (NTIS) number, or EPA Document Number.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' interface of the RCRA Online database. The browser window title is 'RCRA Online Database - Netscape'. The address bar shows 'http://yosemite.epa.gov/osw/RCRA.nsf/advanced-search?OpenFol...'. The page header includes the EPA logo and 'U.S. Environmental Protection Agency'. Below the header, there are navigation icons for 'Welcome', 'What's New', 'Topics Search', 'Text Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'How To'. The main section is titled 'Advanced Search' and contains a search form. A text box at the top of the form says 'Click on the field name for a description of that field' and 'Search the RCRA Online Database for the following word(s):'. Below this is a 'Search' button and a 'Clear ALL' button. The 'search button' is highlighted with an orange box and labeled 'search button'. The form includes several input fields: 'Document Types' (a dropdown menu), 'Date: (mm/dd/yy)' (a date selector), 'Title', 'Statutory Citation', 'RPPC Number', 'NTIS Number', and 'EPA Document Number'. There are also fields for 'To:', 'From:', 'Organization of Recipient:', 'Regulatory Part & Subpart:', 'Regulatory Section:', and 'Policy Directive Number:'.

The advanced search also allows searches by keyword(s). When using the keyword field, the advanced search provides the option to search for word variants and for word synonyms. The database will display a list of all the documents that meet the search parameters. To view detailed information on a particular document, simply click on the document title.

HOW CAN I GET ADDITIONAL HELP FINDING DOCUMENTS CONTAINED IN RCRA ONLINE?

For more information, call the RCRA, Superfund & EPCRA Call Center at (800) 424-9346 or (703) 412-9810 (from the Washington, DC area). The Call Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time.

WHERE CAN I DIRECT SUGGESTIONS AND PROBLEMS?

Please direct technical problems about RCRA Online to the RCRA Online Administrators. Simply click, RCRA Online Administrators at the bottom of the Welcome Page under Tips On Using RCRA Online.

OSW DOCKET RULEMAKING AND SUPPORT MATERIALS

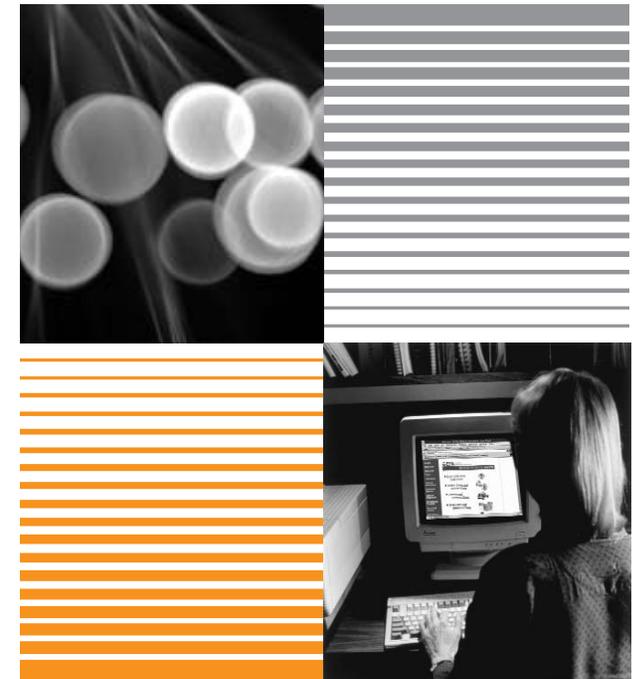
You can find information about OSW's Rule-making materials electronically through the EPA's public docket system, EDOCKET. This site allows you to search, download and print the documents in a docket, as well as submit comments online. EDOCKET is available on the web at:

www.epa.gov/edocket



RCRA ONLINE

A Quick Reference Guide



WHAT IS RCRA ONLINE?

RCRA Online is an electronic database of selected letters, memoranda, questions and answers, publications, and other outreach materials, written by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Solid Waste (OSW) since 1980. These documents cover the management of non-hazardous, hazardous, and medical waste regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Updates occur on a monthly basis.

HOW DO I ACCESS IT?

RCRA Online can be accessed using a minimum of Netscape Navigator 4.x or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.x. Simply run the browser and connect to RCRA Online directly by entering the URL:

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

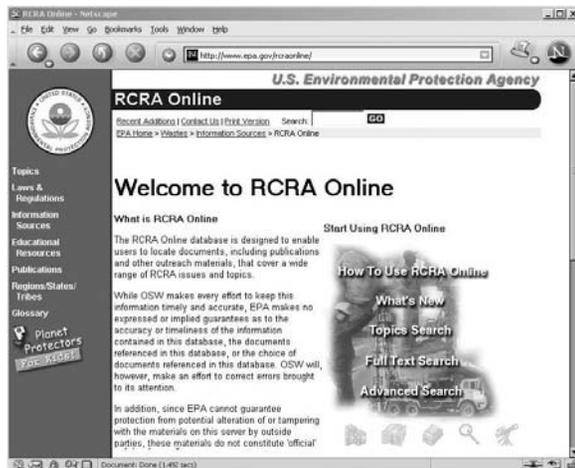
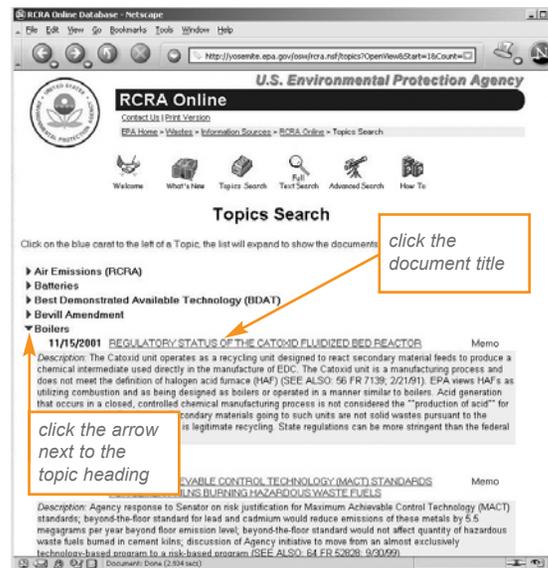
From the the Welcome Page, you can navigate to one of the three different search screens to begin your document search. RCRA Online provides users with the capability to view and print the actual text of the documents identified in a search.

HOW DO I SEARCH TOPICS?

RCRA Online allows users to locate documents though topical, full, and advanced search functions. Using the topic search function is the simplest way to locate documents in the database.

The topics cover a wide range of RCRA subjects. To search the database by topic, choose the topic search icon on the tool bar.

Click on the blue arrow next to the desired topic. To view detailed information on a particular document, simply click on the document title.



Helpful Hint

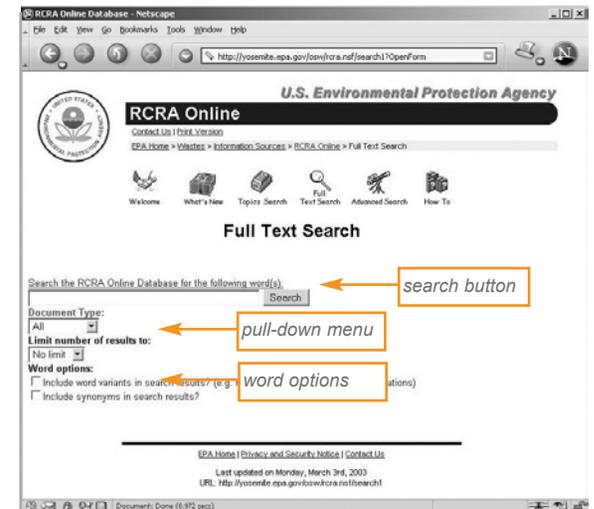
To search for a word using only the first few characters of the word, use the * (asterisk) as a wild card (e.g., if searching for battery or batteries type "batt*").

HOW DO I SEARCH FULL TEXT?

Type the keyword or keywords into the search field, separating each word with a space (e.g., "battery lead plate"). To search for a string of words in a particular order, or to search for exact phrases, group the words within quotation marks (e.g., "solid waste").

You can limit the number of documents in your search by using the pull down menu and choosing the desired number.

The full text search also provides the option to search for word variants (e.g., "battery" will show references to "battery" and "batteries") and for synonyms or related words (e.g., the word "gas" will also show the words "vapor," "fumes," and "helium.")



To perform the search, click on the "Search" button adjacent to the keyword field. The database will display a list of all the documents that meet the search parameters. To view detailed information on a particular document, simply click on the document title.