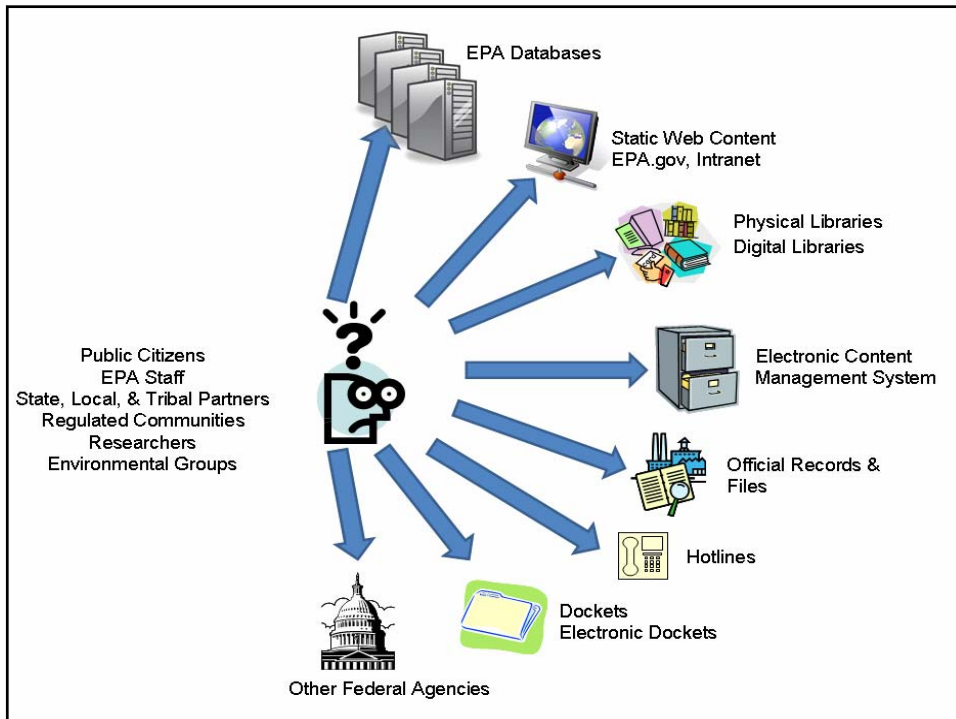


National Dialogue on Access to Environmental Information

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National Dialogue on Access

- Understand what information people want, how they want it
- Stakeholder sessions, online dialogue
- EPA Strategy for enhancing access by Fall, 2008

Collaboration



Federal Government's Investment in Environmental Data (2006-2008)

Agency	# of Investments	Total (06 - 08) ^{in millions}	% of Total \$
Department of Agriculture Total	1	\$6.90	0.3%
Department of Commerce Total	27	\$1,276.56	54.5%
Department of Defense Total	16	\$45.66	2.0%
Department of Energy Total	8	\$125.72	5.4%
Department of Homeland Security Total	3	\$4.28	0.2%
Department of Interior Total	9	\$118.22	5.0%
Department of Justice Total	1	\$0.15	0.0%
Department of Transportation Total	1	\$9.60	0.4%
Environmental Protection Agency Total	76	\$325.91	13.9%
National Aeronautics and Space Administration Total	1	\$421.35	18.0%
Nuclear Regulatory Commission Total	3	\$6.98	0.3%
Grand Total	146	\$2,341.33	100.0%

Thirst for information








Key Drivers

Thirst for information

Collaboration

Explosion of the web



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Flow Of The River

EPA Deputy Administrator Marcus Peacock

February 21, 2008

Marcia Burns Knew How to Party

George Washington's birthday is tomorrow. By all accounts he enjoyed a good party. Believe it or not, 200 years ago the place to party in Washington DC was the north courtyard of EPA's Ariel Rios building. Of course, it wasn't a courtyard then. It was the home of John P. Van Ness. On any given night you might have found Thomas Jefferson or Aaron Burr strutting the Van Ness red carpet.

A big draw was Mrs. Van Ness, née Marcia Burns. She was rich and powerful, but she didn't let it go to her head. Indeed, she was admired for being modest, despite her fortune. Sculptor Haratio Greenbough poetically wrote of her:

*Mid rank and wealth and worldly pride
From every snare she turned aside*

She primarily used her influence to quietly bring people together. Historian James Barton Longacre observed, "As a hostess, indeed,

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PUGET SOUND INFORMATION CHALLENGE

The Puget Sound Information Challenge is now over... thanks to your participation, we received over 175 contributions of ideas, data and applications, and over 18,000 pages were viewed on the site during the challenge.

What is the Challenge?

Former EPA Administrator Bill Ruckelshaus (now Chair of the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council) challenged the National Environmental Information Symposium participants to identify and share the best information resources, tools, ideas, and contacts in their arsenal to inform the protection of the Puget Sound. This is the challenge! The catch is that it must be done in the next 48 hours!

How Will the Challenge Work?

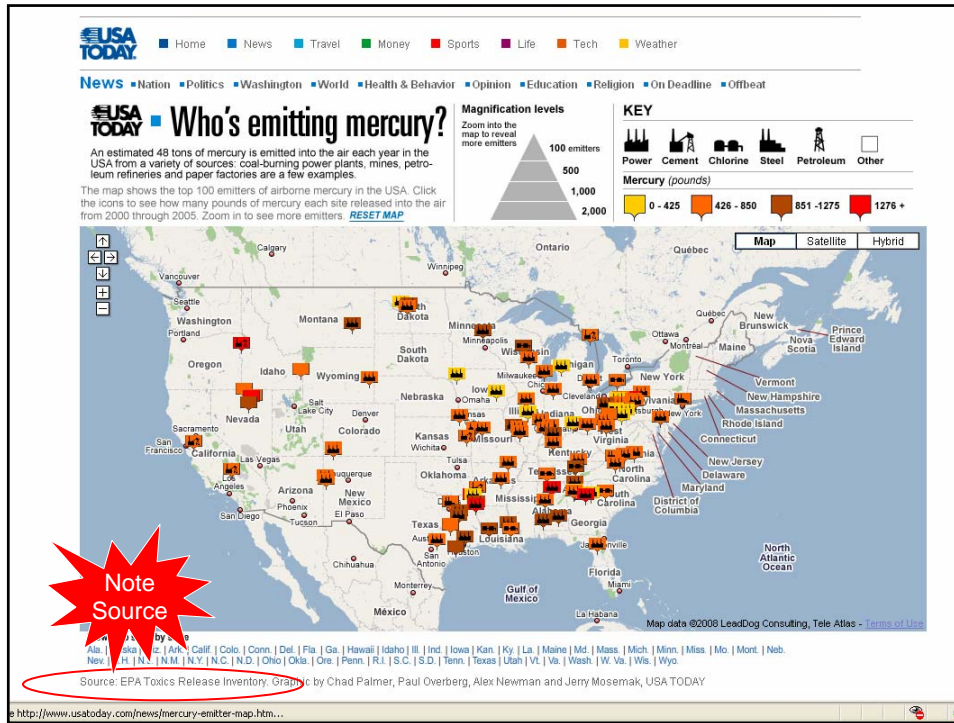
Participate and find out! EPA's Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information, Molly O'Neill has invited all symposium participants, and their networks of knowledgeable people, to participate in an accelerated collaboration. We will use this wiki, to pool our collective knowledge and build something together. And don't worry, you do not have to know how to use a wiki to participate, but you may want to learn! This is an opportunity to test collaborative technologies, and ourselves. Together, we can explore what works and ideas as information is submitted. Molly and Linda Travers, Deputy Assistant Administrator, will update us all on our progress during the symposium. A final summary and demonstration will be featured at the closing session of the National Environmental Information Symposium.

What kind of information are we looking for?

How Can You Participate—NOW?

Click Bill's picture to the left to hear what he needs. Then check out the "About Puget Sound" section to get up to speed on Puget Sound and see the "Help" section for tips on how to add and format content, or jump right in to contribute your ideas, resources or applications by:

- Selecting **Contribute Now!** from the navigation menu on any page.
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- Sending us an email with your contribution to contribute@epageo.org
- Tagging your content on other websites including Flickr, YouTube and Technorati.
- Calling 314-485-4641 to provide your input
- Connect to General Comments and provide your thoughts in general.



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Do you need to find environmental information for your neighborhood? Are you looking for information about environmental regulations? Do you want to learn how to "Go Green?"

We want to know what kind of environmental information you need, and how you want to get it.

That's what the National Dialogue on Access to Environmental Information is about. We want to hear your ideas.

Why we are doing this and what we hope to learn.

About the Dialogue

Molly O'Neill
Chief Information Officer
Play video
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Join Molly O'Neill on *Ask EPA* to discuss the National Dialogue.

Date: Thursday, April 24
Time: 2:00-3:00 ET
Submit questions: April 22 until the end of the session.

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