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MMS Adds Full Text Search to Environmental Studies Database

Search capability offers improved access to research data

NEW ORLEANS – The Department of the Interior’s Minerals Management Service (MMS) has added full text search capabilities to its online publications database, the Environmental Studies Program Information System (ESPIS). This new capability allows the public to search the entire online library of more than 4,000 reports using key words.

“The increased search capability provides the public with ready access to the entire library of information collected through the Environmental Studies Program,” said MMS Acting Director Walter Cruickshank. “The reports and projects contained in this library play a critical role in the MMS decision making process.”

Through the ESPIS, more than 4,000 reports, representing the entire collection including images and graphics, are available on-line. Technical summaries of over 1,000 MMS sponsored environmental research projects are also available online using the new full text search capability.

Created in 1973, the MMS [Environmental Studies Program \(ESP\)](#) was designed to gather and synthesize environmental, social, and economic information to support MMS programs. In addition to funding and conducting focused environmental research, the ESP also ensures that all research conducted is accessible to the public.

To search documents and technical summaries in the ESPIS using the new key word capability, go to: <https://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/espis/espisfront.asp>.

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