



U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
Finding and using USGS data and publications
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USGS data and publications used in National Academy Press publications

As of June 2, 2011, the National Academies Press (NAP) books are available, by chapters or whole book, as pdfs to download free of charge.

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In the upper left search box, use the search terms “U.S. Geological Survey” (in quotes). There are about 4,313 books that result in this search. Repeat the search using the term “USGS” and the results are 661 books. This is a lot to go through, so limit the results, browse by topic: <http://search.nap.edu/> or select a keyword; for example: earthquake; “water use” ; “water supply” ; New York ; Colorado; et cetera

Here are some selected example books I show people how to find, and then I have them find the USGS data and publications cited within the publications:

Approaches for Ecosystem Services Valuation for the Gulf of Mexico After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Interim Report (2012): http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13141

Letter Report Assessing the USGS National Water Quality Assessment Program's Science Plan (2011): http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13094

National Earthquake Resilience: Research, Implementation, and Outreach (2011): http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13092

Missouri River Planning: Recognizing and Incorporating Sediment Management (2011): http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13019

Estimating Water Use in the United States: A New Paradigm for the National Water-Use Information Program (2002): http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10484

Arsenic in Drinking Water: 2001 Update: http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10194

Rock Fractures and Fluid Flow: Contemporary Understanding and Applications: http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=2309

The U.S. Geological Survey was established upon the recommendation from the National Academy of Sciences to Congress. Here are some questions for students to answer:

- What was the date the U.S Geological Survey was established?
- What was the session of Congress?
- In what Act was the U.S Geological Survey established?
- What year did Congress authorize a Library for the U.S Geological Survey?