



Getting Started

EPA Lab Compendium

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Use the following instructions to request access (and register) for the EPA Lab Compendium at <http://www.epa.gov/compendium>



Step 1

Click the **Register** button.



NOTE: All requests for access to the EPA Lab Compendium must be reviewed and approved before users have full access to the system.

To enter the **EPA Lab Compendium** as a registered user, enter your User Name and Password into the login page and click the **Login** button.

The screenshot shows the EPA Lab Compendium login interface. At the top left is the EPA logo and the text "EPALABCOMPENDIUM". Below this is a "NEW RELEASE" notice: "Version 2.0 is now available! For information on modifications and new features please [click here](#)." The main login area contains two input fields: "User Name" and "Password", followed by "Login" and "Register" buttons. Below the input fields is a paragraph: "Please enter your User Name and Password and click Login to enter the system. Click Register to request access to the Lab Compendium. Please note that EPA must verify your information and assign you access rights before the search module will be available." To the right of the login area is a "WARNING:" section with two bullet points: "i. Obtain access to data without authority" and "ii. Damage, delete, alter or insert data without authority". Below the warning is another paragraph: "You are not authorized to access this system unless you have registered and signed our Terms of Use Agreement. If you have not signed our Terms of Use Agreement your access is unauthorized and you must exit this system immediately." At the bottom of the page, there is contact information: "For assistance, please contact the helpdesk at (703) 818-4200 or labcompendium@fedcsc.com. To contact EPA directly, please call Terry Smith at (202) 564-2908 or smith.terry@epa.gov." The right side of the page features a grid of four small images showing laboratory equipment and personnel.



Step 2

On the Register screen, enter all required information. Required information is marked with an asterisk (*).

Fill in your Registration Information

Enter the following information:

- **Last Name**
- **First Name**
- **Middle Initial** - (optional)
- **User Name** - You will need to create your own user name. This is what you will use to enter the EPA Lab Compendium.
- **Password** - This is the password you will use to enter the EPA Lab Compendium. Follow the instructions next to the entry field for the requirements to create a valid password.
- **Confirm Password** - Reenter the password you entered in the first password field.
- **Requested Role** - Your "role" allows you to view the sections of the EPA Lab Compendium necessary for the type of searches you wish to perform. For assistance in deciding which role to choose, click the *What is this?* link below the field. Use the drop-down menu to select the role you wish to request.
- **Lab Entry checkbox** - EPA Lab Compendium contains information about laboratories. If you will be using EPA Lab Compendium to edit information about individual laboratories, or to add new laboratories to the EPA Lab Compendium, check this box. Selecting this box is required if you are requesting the Lab User role.



Step 3

Filling in your Contact Information and the Terms of Use

Enter the following information:

- **Organization Name** - *(optional)* The name of the organization you represent. It can be your laboratory, State or Federal agency, company, etc.
- **Address** - Your organization's mailing address.
- **City** - Part of your organization's mailing address.
- **State** - Part of your organization's mailing address. Use the drop-down menu to select.
- **ZIP Code** - Part of your organization's mailing address.
- **Country** - Part of your organization's mailing address. Use the drop-down menu to select.
- **Email** - Enter the email address you would like to use to receive information from the EPA Lab Compendium administrator.
- **Phone** - Your telephone number. Enter the numbers as shown in the example below the field. Do not enter dashes or parenthesis. Enter the extension in the ext field, if applicable.

2. Fill in your Contact Information:

Organization Name:

Address*:

City*:

State*: ---- Select State ---

ZIP Code*:

Country*: ---- Select Country ---

Email*:

Phone*: ext
(Ex: 9999999999)

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When you have finished filling out this page, click the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the page to continue.

- Read the Terms of Use.
- If you agree to the **Terms of Use**, click the **I Agree** button at the bottom of the page.



NOTE: If you do not agree to the **Terms of Use**, you will not be able to access the EPA Lab Compendium. Click the **logout** link in the top right hand corner to exit.



Step 4



NOTE: This step is only applicable to users who have selected the "Lab Entry" checkbox in the Registration Information section.

If you have selected the Lab User role, the **Select Associated Labs** screen will appear. Use any of the links to the right of the **Laboratory** drop-down menu to enter and/or review laboratory information.

- **Request access to select laboratory** is used to request access to the laboratory displayed using the **Laboratory** drop-down menu.
- **New laboratory registration** is used to add a new laboratory to the EPA Lab Compendium.
- **View/Update Laboratory Information** is used view a list of laboratories you have requested access to.



TIP: For complete instructions on how to use this screen, click the **help** link in the upper right hand corner of the screen.



Step 5

If you did not select the “Lab Entry” box, the EPA Lab Compendium **home** screen displays.



NOTE: To access the EPA Lab Compendium home screen from the Select Associated Labs screen, click the home link at the top of the screen.

While your request for access to the EPA Lab Compendium is being processed, you will have limited access to the system. The following options will be available:

- **Manage** allows you to update your user and, if applicable, laboratory information.
- **Logout** exits the EPA Lab Compendium.
- **Help** displays context-sensitive online help information.
- **Contact us** provides contact information for the EPA Lab Compendium Help Desk.

The screenshot shows the EPA Lab Compendium home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'home | manage' and 'logout | help'. Below this, the main heading is 'EPA's Compendium of Environmental Testing Laboratories'. The page content includes a welcome message, a list of features, and a list of links. The features listed are: 'Provides the most relevant and up-to-date information available to Laboratory Compendium users.', 'Users can perform customized searches for laboratories based on various criteria, including type of laboratory, state, region, matrix, analytical capabilities, support services and special sample handling capabilities. Customizable searches provide the user with access to complete laboratory profiles.', and 'Full access to the Laboratory Compendium is available to EPA, state/local and federal emergency response and laboratory personnel. Limited access is available to water utilities.' The links listed are: 'Standardized Analytical Methods for Environmental Restoration following Homeland Security Events', 'EPA's Water Infrastructure Security Web Page', and 'Response Protocol Toolbox: Planning for and Responding to Contamination Threats to Drinking Water Systems'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'top ▲' link and a footer with 'home | manage | contact us'.



Frequently Asked Questions

How long will it take before I can use the EPA Lab Compendium to search for laboratories?

Requests are reviewed by system administrators which verify the requests using procedures outlined in Lab Compendiums approval guidelines. This process can take some time to complete. If users require immediate access to the system they should contact the Lab Compendium Helpdesk at (703) 818-4200 or labcompendium@fedcsc.com.

How will I know if my registration has been approved or denied?

The system automatically sends an e-mail to the address entered during registration when access has been approved or rejected.

What can I do if I need immediate access to the EPA Lab Compendium?

Users that require immediate access to the system should first complete their registration and then contact the Lab Compendium Helpdesk at (703) 818-4200 or labcompendium@fedcsc.com.

Who can I contact to request assistance with registration?

The Lab Compendium Helpdesk at (703) 818-4200 or labcompendium@fedcsc.com.