Researching Environmental Law: PowerPoint, Research Guide & Tips

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I originally created the *Guide to Environmental Law Research* for a teaching module for Advanced Legal Research. I was later asked by our faculty editor for the Southeastern Environmental Law Journal to share my guide and to speak to her student editors about researching environmental law. I've found that it's best to have comprehensive handouts to compensate for the limited time generally allotted for such presentations. I have since become the librarian liaison for that Journal.

I developed the *Environmental Law Research* PowerPoint presentation for the journal presentation to explain, in a nutshell, the different print and online, primary and secondary sources available to environmental law researchers. However, the information provided in the PowerPoint presentation could accompany a research guide on just about any legal research subject.

I developed the *Tips on Researching Environmental Law* handout when I was asked to present to a group of Public Interest Environmental Law students preparing to choose their topics and begin their research for their class papers. The tips handout could also be used for most paper topics.

All three research aids address administrative resources and legislative history materials, which might be deleted for legal subjects not governed by federal and state statutes and not highly regulated. I've posted on our Research Guides and Tutorials web page and I now include in my presentations to environmental law students and journal editors, the *Guide to Locating Federal Legislative History Documents*, which I originally developed to train our research assistants for their summer jobs.