

# Tips on Researching Environmental Law



## What Resources are available to you?

- Journal articles, books, and treatises
- Cases interpreting statutes and regulations and their application
- Administrative agency decisions reviewing the application of administrative regulations
- Looseleaf Services/Electronic Databases incorporating laws, commentary, news and highlights
- Publications by professional organizations (websites, magazines, newsletters, blogs)

## What if any resources or information do you have to begin your search?

- **A Statute**—check annotations for cases, regulations, and secondary sources (law review articles, ALR annotations, etc.) and Shepardize/KeyCite to validate and find more of same.
- **A Regulation**—Shepardize/KeyCite to validate and to find cases, administrative decisions, and secondary sources
- **A Case**—use headnotes to find more cases and Shepardize/KeyCite to validate and to find more cases and secondary sources
- **A Topic**—Online catalog for books, treatises, symposia, CLEs and search for journal articles using LegalTrac, Lexis, Westlaw, HeinOnline

## What resources might you consult to choose a topic?

- **Looseleaf Services/Electronic Databases** to learn about current legislation and hot topics.
- **LexisNexis Congressional's Hot Bills & Hot Topics.**
- **Research Guides and Pathfinders** for key resources and tips for researching specific topics.
- **Professional magazines, newsletters, websites, blogs** for current issues.
- **A Law Librarian** (Terrye Conroy: [conroyt@gwm.sc.edu](mailto:conroyt@gwm.sc.edu) or Reference Desk: [lawref@gwm.sc.edu](mailto:lawref@gwm.sc.edu))

## Resources to Remember

- **Law Library website:** [www.law.sc.edu/library](http://www.law.sc.edu/library)
  - **Law Library Catalog** link (you can change to search all libraries)
  - **HeinOnline:** Electronic Indexes link or Electronic Resources-Limited Access page
  - **LexisNexis Congressional:** Electronic Resources-Limited Access page or Electronic Indexes link through LexisNexis Academic

