



## An Introduction to ECHO

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### What is ECHO?

Enforcement and Compliance History Online - <u>https://echo.epa.gov</u>

ECHO is EPA's public website that provides compliance information about regulated facilities

- How they are regulated
- When they were inspected
- Whether violations of environmental regulations were found
- Whether enforcement action was taken

The site also provides dashboards with views of overall enforcement and compliance status trends and some bulk datasets for download

The ECHO website integrates data from major EPA information systems for public use

#### **Customers and Stakeholders**

- ECHO is used by:
- Citizen groups
- Non-governmental organizations
- Reporters
- Regulated entities
- Academic researchers
- EPA and state/local/tribal environmental agencies
- Other federal government agencies
- And more!

#### ECHO Content

Compliance history for more than 1,000,000 EPA-regulated facilities

- Three-year compliance status and five-year inspection and enforcement history
- EPA and state, local, and tribal environmental agency data for:
  - Clean Air Act stationary sources
  - Clean Water Act permitted dischargers
  - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous waste handlers
  - Safe Drinking Water Act public water systems

EPA data for other statutes like Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):

- Inspections
- Enforcement Action Details

#### **Facility Search** Results



Using ECHO with your Mobile Device

**Enable Location Services on** your phone.

Search on your mobile device by selecting 'Use My Location' when you open the ECHO homepage on your mobile device to search for facilities within approximately 3 miles of your current location.

A pin represents the location at the time of the search relative to the nearby facilities on the map view.



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#### ECHO Use Cases

I want to	Use This Search:	Instructions:
Identify facilities in my ZIP code that have Significant Violations.	ECHO Home Quick Search	Enter a city, state, and/or ZIP code in the Quick Search by Location search box and click Search. Click on the Significant Violations box on the Search Results Page.
View charts and summary information about compliance and enforcement metrics for my state or nation wide.	State Dashboards	Use the interactive dashboard for either Air, Drinking Water, Hazardous Waste, Pesticides or Water to select your State or Region or view nationwide trends for compliance monitoring or enforcement activities.
I want to view facilities with NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permits in my city that have significant violations and are in areas of EJ concern.	Water Facility Search	On the search screen type in your city and select 'Significant/ Category I Noncompliance' under Compliance Status, then scroll down to the 'Demographic Profile' section and select 1 or More for 'EJ Indexes Above 80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile'. On the Search Results Page you can add on the EJ Map Layers and Customize columns to show more EJ information.
Identify EPA cases for Clean Air Act violations in my state.	Enforcement Case Search	Use the "Find EPA Cases" quick search from the ECHO Home page or use the enforcement case search form to select criteria of interest to find relevant cases.
Assess compliance and enforcement data across multiple facilities owned or managed by a company or corporation.	<u>Corporate</u> <u>Compliance Screener</u>	This tool organizes existing ECHO facility data into reports that highlight recent compliance issues or enforcement actions. Type the facility or company name into the required field, select any other criteria on the search form the click 'search'.

# Searching in ECHO

#### 3 EASY STEPS:

WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES IN JACKSONVILLE, FL WITH SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS?

#### Step 1: Search by Location or Facility Name

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	News	Analyze Trends in Compliance & Enforcement Data <u>Guide</u> <u>Tutorial</u>			

On <u>https://echo.epa.gov</u> use the 'Quick Search' tab to search by Location or Facility Name/ ID.

 Click on the 'More Search Options' link to view the full search form.

Visit the '<u>Quick Start Guide</u>' for more information on how to use ECHO.

Watch a quick <u>Video Tutorial</u> on how to use ECHO.

Visit the <u>Tool Guide</u> to learn more about other ECHO Searches and Features.

#### **ECHO** Navigation Guide

Join the ECHO Listserv



- Read Frequently Asked Questions
- Review the ECHO Tool Guide

#### Step 2: Search Results Page



Sort column headers by clicking on the column title.

Customize columns on the data table before you download it.

Watch <u>this video tutorial</u> on how to modify your selected criteria and filter facilities.

Click on the hyperlinked 'Facility Name' to view the Detailed Facility Report

Visit the <u>Search Results</u> <u>Help page</u> for assistance.

#### Step 2: Adding the EJSCREEN Map Layer in ECHO



### Step 3: Detailed Facility Report

The Detailed Facility Report is organized into six primary sections:

- 1. Facility Summary Presents a high-level summary of the selected facility.
- 2. Facility/System Characteristics Provides additional detailed facility identification information that is tracked in the Facility Registry Service.
- Enforcement and Compliance Summarizes the history of enforcement and compliance activities, including: Compliance Summary Data, Three-Year Compliance Status by Quarter, Compliance Monitoring History (5 years), Notices of Violation or Informal Enforcement Actions (5 years), Formal Enforcement Actions and EPA Case History.
- **4.** Environmental Conditions Describes the health of the environment in which the facility resides (i.e., water quality and air quality conditions).
- 5. Pollutants If applicable, presents information about the facility's reported chemical releases to EPA's Toxics Release Inventory program.
- 6. **Demographic Profile** Presents demographic data describing the 3-mile radius area surrounding the facility.

Visit the <u>Detailed Facility Report Data Dictionary</u>, watch the <u>Detailed Facility</u> <u>Report Tutorial</u> or view the <u>Detailed Facility Report Help</u> page.



#### Resources

Contact Us: <a href="https://echo.epa.gov/contact">https://echo.epa.gov/contact</a>

Help: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/help</u>

Quick start guide: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/learn-more-about-echo</u>

Video tutorials: <a href="https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials">https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials</a>

Webinars: <a href="https://echo.epa.gov/help/training">https://echo.epa.gov/help/training</a>

FAQ: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/echo-faq</u>

ECHO Mailing list: <a href="https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/listserv">https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/listserv</a>

Detailed Facility Report Data Dictionary: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/help/reports/dfr-data-dictionary</u>

Search Criteria Help: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/help/facility-search/search-criteria-help</u>

## Questions?

If you have questions after today's presentation, please use ECHO's <u>Contact Us</u> page.

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