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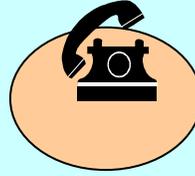
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GEMS On The WEB Now Available



The GEMS subteam is proud to announce that the GEMS on the web (GOTW) (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/monitor/gemsweb/>) search and retrieval tool is now available on the Department's Waste & Materials Management web page: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/>. You can find it on the left tool bar in the expanded Environmental Monitoring menu under the heading "Landfills."

Working on the project since late 2002, a team of hydrogeologists, IT support staff and programmer completed the Facility Search option on January 12, 2006. With GOTW you can search/retrieve the following:

- A specific facility by license
- Facility name, owner, location
- Facilities in a geographic area
- Facility monitoring contact(s) (knowledgeable about the site's monitoring)
- Points at a facility by owner or geographic area
- Well/Point construction information for a site or by owner or geographic area
- Sample dates/results for an entire site – a "data dump"
- Sample dates/results for a point
- All results for a single parameter at a point

We know that these options do not address all the potential queries. Future projects we hope to include are the following:

- a complex search to allow retrieval of targeted data from multiple facilities,
- a method for facilities and consultants to submit data via the web,
- a GIS component that includes a map of each facility.

The timeframe for developing the next phases of GOTW is dependent on Waste & Materials Management program time and resources.

Thanks to Barb Hennings, Steve DeVoe, Vera Swanson, Mike Zillmer, Greg Tilken, Joe Traynor, Jack Connelly, John Sissons and Chris Carlson for their work on the project. Steve Drake and Mike Solomon provided technical and editorial support. Many other staff updated data in GEMS especially for this new tool and contributed their review time and comments.

GOTW operates with a “snapshot” of database information that is refreshed each night. We encourage you to take a look at the Help screens to help you with your search and the Glossary with its definitions of terms used in GOTW.

We hope that you will check out the new GOTW soon. If you have questions, please contact: Steve Drake steve.drake@dnr.state.wi.us by e-mail or by telephone at 608-267-7567.

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Begin Using the New SVOC List



Facilities and labs are reminded that the revisions to the NR 500 series became effective on February 1, 2006. Facilities are expected to substitute the new NR 507 Appendix 4 list of Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) for the base/neutral and acid extractable compounds. For additional information about the new SVOC list and how it was developed, please see the Spring 2005 GEMS Newsletter: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/publications/monitoring/newsltr-03-05.pdf>.

For additional information see Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 507:

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr507.pdf>. If you have questions, please contact the Hydrogeologist for the DNR Region the facility is located in, per <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/monitor/emtStaff.htm>.

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Farewells



Janet Battista, GEMS Newsletter editor, retired on December 20, 2005. In addition to her excellent skills as a writer and editor, we miss Janet’s extensive expertise in the areas of quality assurance/quality control as well as volatile and semi-volatile organic compound monitoring. If you have a question about a specific site that Janet worked on, please contact Gene Mitchell (gene.mitchell@dnr.state.wi.us) at (608) 275-3466.

On February 17, Barb Hennings left the Waste & Materials Management program and began a new DNR job in the Drinking Water and Groundwater program where she is working on implementation of the Groundwater Quantity Law. Barb says that she will miss working with the many people she’s talked with about GEMS but that her new position will be a tremendous opportunity and a great challenge. We will miss Barb’s vast knowledge of GEMS and her constant attempts to make the system more useable and accessible to others. If you have questions about GEMS, please contact Steve Drake (steve.drake@dnr.state.wi.us) at (608) 267-7567. Mike Solomon (mike.solomon@dnr.state.wi.us) will continue to answer questions about uploading data. If you have questions about a specific site that Barb worked on, please contact Dave Lundberg (david.lundberg@dnr.state.wi.us) at (715) 839-3708.

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