

**Policy Commons for Government Publications**  
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Hello everyone, I am Suzanne Reinman, head of Government Documents at Oklahoma State University. We are a regional depository for the FDLP.

This poster gives an overview of the Policy Commons database.

Policy Commons, <https://policycommons.net>, is the largest directory of worldwide policy organizations including nonpartisan think tanks, IGOs and NGOs, and select government agencies. It includes policy reports, working papers, press releases, data sets, and content from organizations that have disappeared or are inactive, including the EPA Archive. Policy Commons is updated continually.

Produced by Coherent Digital, Policy Commons is an important resource for public policy, grey literature, and related research. Limited access is available at no cost. Institutional memberships are also available. **Content is vetted by the organization and is curated by the editors and the community.**

Searching:

- The database includes keyword and advanced search options for full-text searching.
- Advanced search includes Title, Summary, Full Text, and Author fields and limits by date.
- Results can be filtered by Publication Type, Organization, Language, Year Published, Country, and Topic.
- Search facets include **Organizations, Publications, Topics, Tables, and Lists**. Lists are publications on specific topics.
- View, download, and print documents in PDF.
- Sort by relevance or date.
- Covers all disciplines.

Analysis

- Focus is on content from research centers, major international organizations (OECD, World Bank, UN), NGOs, and discontinued organizations. Includes select federal government policy information and the EPA Archive.  
Organizations: Type -> Government Country -> U.S.
- Holdings of organizations are not comprehensive.
- **Limited ability to search within results by topic using filters. The search box provides additional search capability within a search set.**
- Provides access to more obscure think tanks that produce important research. Includes copies of more than 100,000 publications from more than 500 defunct and inactive think tanks, and books and reports licensed from leading publishers.
- Content is held at the original source unless the organization is inactive.
- Policy Commons' records are being indexed in Google/Google Scholar.

## Searching EPA and Climate Change

- **Organizations** -> **Environmental Protection Agency** in search box -> **Select EPA 36,719 publications** -> **Link to EPA Archive. Return to the search box to search by topic**
- **Search *climate change*** -> **filter by Organization** -> **EPA - 3,738 publications.**
- **Search *climate change* in Topics** -> **Limit by EPA**

## Contribute:

- Research institutes can contribute content to be reviewed and published.
- Users can create and publish personal lists and follow an organization or topic to receive alerts by creating an account.

Policy Commons is a relatively new database and the search capabilities and content are still being refined.

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Thank you so much.

The screenshot displays the Policy Commons website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Policy Commons logo, menu items for Organizations, Publications, Topics, Tables, Lists, and Cities, and a COHERENT DIGITAL logo with an Upload button and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar is a large yellow search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Search". To the right of the search bar is a link for "Advanced Search".

Below the search bar, the search results are displayed. The heading is "Search for everything" with a "Follow" button, "10 results" indicator, and an "Export" button. Below the heading, it says "2 results".

On the left side, there are two filter sections: "Date Added" and "Modules". The "Date Added" section has radio buttons for "Past week" (0), "Past month" (0), "Past 3 months" (0), "Past 6 months" (2), "Past 9 months" (2), and "Past year" (2). The "Modules" section has a radio button for "Policy Commons" (2).

On the right side, there are two search results. The first result is "Environmental Protection Agency: EPA Archive Extra" with a description "Additional material from the EPA archive not selected for premium content" and an "Add to list" button. The second result is "Environmental Protection Agency: EPA Archive" with a description "A collection of PDF reports from archive.epa.gov which went offline in July 2022" and an "Add to list" button. Both results have a small icon of a document with a magnifying glass and a minus sign.

At the top of the results area, there are two filter boxes: "Organization: EPA: Environmental Protection Agency" and "Content: Collections".