Where Did That Document Go? Preserving and Sharing Government Information

Depository Library Council Spring 2025 Meeting May 1, 2025

Moderator: Shari Laster Panelists: James R. Jacobs, Gretchen Gehrke, Lynda Kellam, Kelly Smith



Who we are...

- Deborah Yun Caldwell (UNT)
- James R. Jacobs (Stanford)

- Lynda Kellam (UPenn)
- Shari Laster (ASU)



Mission statement

OUR VISION

We imagine a world where government information is preserved and accessible for an engaged public and equitable democracy.

OUR MISSION

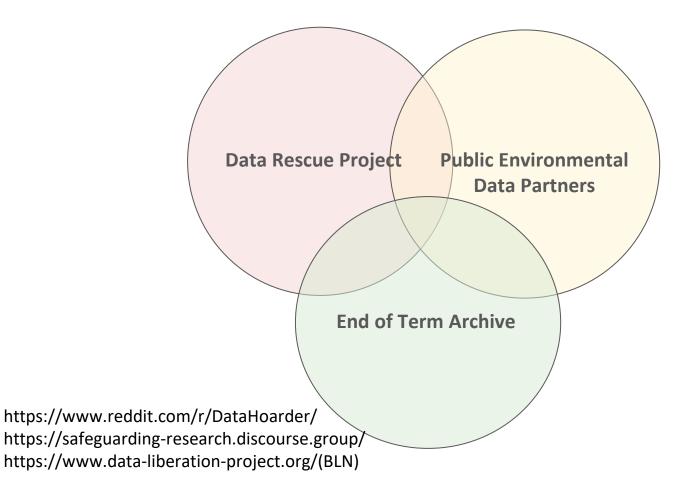
The PEGI Project advocates on behalf of current and future users of public information. Developing a community of practice to preserve and provide access to electronic government information is a large endeavor that will take many hands. Together, we seek to build capacity for libraries to preserve historically significant born-digital government information.



Panel Presentations

End of Term Archive

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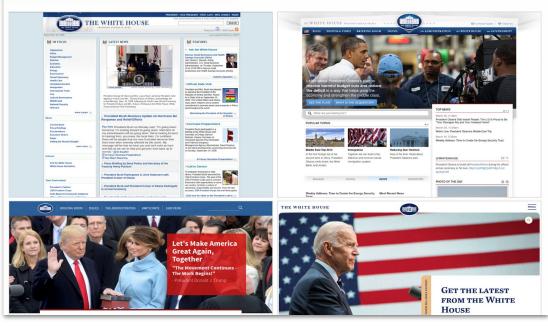


End of Term Web Archive

Background Partners Contribute Presentations Datasets

Purpose

The End of Term Web Archive captures and saves U.S. Government websites at the end of presidential administrations. The EOT has thus far preserved websites from administration changes in 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020. We are currently accepting URL nominations for the End of Term 2024 Web Archive.



https://eotarchive.org, https://github.com/end-of-term eot-info@archive.org

Goals of the end of term project



- □ work collaboratively to preserve public U.S. Government websites
- □ document federal agencies' presence on the web at the end of each Presidential term (2008, 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024 and counting)
- □ enhance the existing research collections of the partner institutions
- □ raise awareness about the need for preservation
- □ engage with researchers and subject experts

General Timeline of EOT Process

- Jan Mar Begin meeting to discuss upcoming EOT
- Mar Apr Set up URL Nomination Tool Instance <u>https://digital2.library.unt.edu/nomination/</u>
- Apr Sept Begin seeking nominations
- Sept Begin "bookend crawl" (broad scope/comprehensive crawls)
- Sept Begin human nominated/prioritized crawls (updated every two weeks)
- Dec Initial bookend crawl completes.
- Feb Begin second bookend crawl
- Mar Second bookend crawl completes
- April May copy and stage data for access at IA
- Following 3 years Rest. (probably not this term)

Multiple Crawling Institutions: Different Approaches

Internet Archive:

- Heritrix based
- Large, long-running crawls
- Shallow and deep crawls
- Specialized video archiving pipeline
- Static crawling

University of North Texas:

- Heritrix and Browsertrix Crawler based
- Human Nominated Seeds
- New crawls every two weeks
- Broad and shallow browser-based crawling
- High fidelity and static crawling

Webrecorder:

- Browsertrix based
- Targeted interactive web content
- High fidelity crawling

Common Crawl Foundation:

- Nutch crawler-based
- Global crawl biased by search-engine style ranking
- EOT collection is extracted from our global crawl
- Static crawling

Datasets

https://eotarchive.org/ https://github.com/end-of-term

End of Term Datasets

The End of Term project is working with the Amazon Web Services' Open Data Sponsorship Program to host a copy of the 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020 End of Term Datasets.

The work of inventorying, staging and moving the data into AWS is still ongoing and more information will be provided here in the future.

Currently we have these datasets partially available for use.

Dataset	WARC #	WARC Size Compressed
EOT-2020	239811	266.04 TB
EOT-2016	194683	139.3 TB
EOT-2012	78509	41.42 TB
EOT-2008	125704	15.32 TB
EOT-2004	58977	6.42 TB

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INTERNET ARCHIVE **WayBack**Machine

Explore more than 928 billion web pages saved over time

Enter a URL or words related to a site's home page

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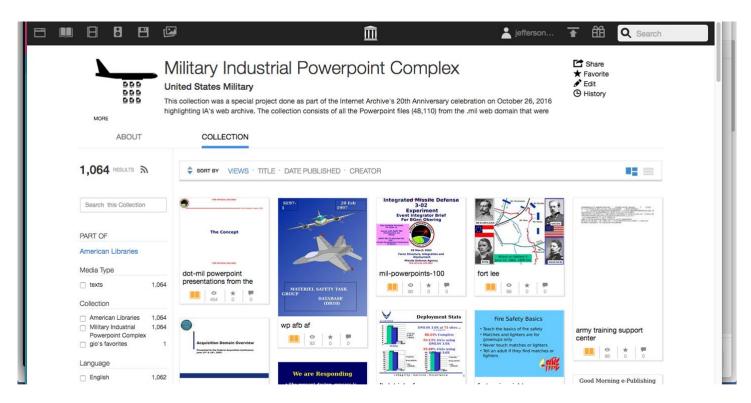
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The Wayback Machine is an initiative of building a digital library of Internet sites Other projects include Open Library & a	Indopendent Media Afghanistan	at have been shut down	

https://web.archive.org

Extracted Special Web Collections



https://archive.org/details/MilitaryIndustrialPowerpointComplex

EOT2024 is over but ...

U.S. Government Web & Data Archive 2025

Project Home	About This Project	Project Reports	Feeds -	Add A URL
Search				
Search by URL Search for an ex	isting URL in the system	1.	submit	
Browse URLs				
Number of UF	Ls Nominated: 537	Number of Nomina	prs: 23	

https://digital2.library.unt.edu/nomination/GWDA-US-2025/ or https://eotarchive.org



Environmental Data & Governance Initiative

Federal Data and The Right to Know

Gretchen Gehrke, PhD

Co-Founder, Environmental Data and Governance Initiative 2025 Depository Library Council Spring Meeting

Environmental Data & Governance Initiative (EDGI)

Who We Are

- Cross-disciplinary **network**, with more than **50 active members**
- Some paid; mostly volunteers

What We Do

- Transform Environmental Right to Know ethics and practices
- Hold governing agencies accountable
- Model **democratic values** in the way we work

Three Programs

Public Data, Public Information, Governance Practices

Environmental Right to Know

Why the Right to Know?

- **People have a right to know and make decisions about** environmental issues, especially that affect them
- Better environmental outcomes come from more democratic environmental governance
- The Environmental Right to Know is an essential component of Environmental Justice

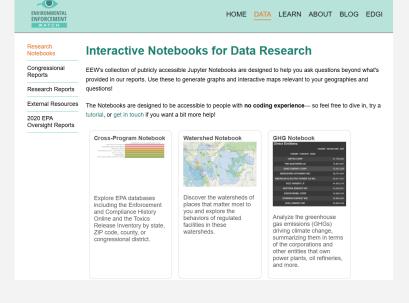
Data Access and Utility

Enhance access to and use of federal data

- We help data become meaningful.
- Example Projects
 - Building customizable data science tools to support advocacy
 - Data analyses with environmentally meaningful delineations
 - Conducting user testing of data tools (e.g. ECHO Notify) with frontline communities

But first, archive, archive, archive

- Right now, we first need to safeguard data
- Then focus on making it more accessible and useful



Purpose

- To preserve and provide public access to federal environmental data
- Smaller-scale complement to the End of Term Archive

Who We Are

- Formed in November 2024
- Several organizations, including Environmental Policy Innovation Center, Open Environmental Data Project, and more

How We Work

- Collaborative coalition
- Non-hierarchical, working groups with a central steering committee

Archived Data This table lists most datasets that have been fully archived by PEDP - some of these datasets have been removed from public domain, and some are still publicly available. Where the agency still maintains the data, we encourage you to use that and show agency partners love for their work!

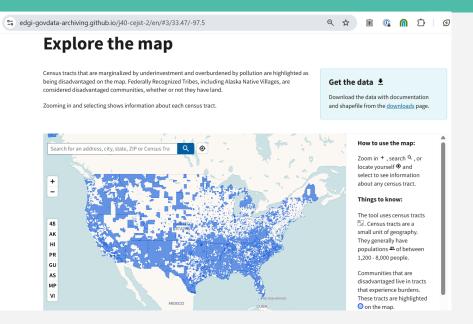
Note: Not all PEDP archives are accessible to the public yet, and some archived datasets may not be listed at all - we're working on it. Many additional datasets have been archived by other networks with whom we are associated, but not directly involved. The Data Rescue Project provides a Tracker can help you find out more.

Have additional datasets? Fill out the form here to nominate data for us to preserve.

PEDP Tool and Data Archiving \supset List of resources This table lists most datasets that have been fully archived by F	EDP. Not all arch Mo	re		Group 🚺 Sort 🚺 Q	Back to PEDP's Website 🖸
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Database Name 个	Agency	Status Archiving	Original URL	Backup Location	
CDC GitHub organization repositories	CDC	All Archiving Done	https://github.com/CDCgov	https://github.com/CDCgo	
Data and Maps for Eastern Equine Encephalitis	CDC	All Archiving Done	https://www.cdc.gov/easte	https://dataverse.harvard.e	
Environmental Justice Index	CDC	All Archiving Done	https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov	https://github.com/oedp/c	
Firearm Mortality by State	CDC	All Archiving Done	https://www.cdc.gov/nchs	https://dataverse.harvard.e	
PLACES	CDC	All Archiving Done	https://www.cdc.gov/plac	https://github.com/oedp/c	
Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System	CDC	All Archiving Done	https://www.cdc.gov/mate	https://dataverse.harvard.e	
Social Vulnerability Index	CDC	All Archiving Done	https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov	https://github.com/oedp/c	

Data Preservation

- Sought recommendations from diverse network; largely focused on environmental justice and climate
- 300+ datasets requested
- ~200 have been archived so far



Tools

- Cloned or rebuilt 6 of the 9 federal equity screening tools that have been removed
- Including EPA's EJScreen and CEQ's CEJST

First Next Steps

- Preservation:
 - Ecosystem data FWS, USGS, USDA, etc
 - More climate data NOAA, NASA
- Tools
 - Re-create more existing tools
 - Improve their accessibility and use

Longer-term Needs and Opportunities

- Serve as data aggregators and disseminators
- Model greater accessibility and interoperability, as well as data justice in data policy and infrastructure
 - Blueprint for government how to implement FAIR and CARE principles

Thank You!

Preserve and promote data and the public's Right to Know!

• Questions?

 Contact: Gretchen Gehrke, gretchen.gehrke@envirodatagov.org



Data Rescue Project

Presented by Lynda Kellam on behalf of the DRP

www.datarescueproject.org/



DATA CURATION NETWORK





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A brief history of the 🛛 😳 💾



• Feb. 3	Feb. 5	Feb. 7	Feb. 10
Shared Google Doc for resources, events, etc.	Formalized DRP. Launched Bluesky account.	Launched Data Inventory + Rescue Workflow	Launched website and Mattermost.



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From Friday, February 7 - Friday, April 16

372 datasets uploaded to ICSPSR's DataLumos with metadata



Be the First – <u>Verify</u> that the data have not already been preserved to ICPSR

旲 Describe Data – *Learn how to <u>make the data more findable and useful</u>*

Add Data Now – <u>Start uploading</u> to DataLumos

Data Rescue

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Current DRP Efforts 🔅 💾



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Data Inventory Spreadsheet and Workflow

Process for data rescue		
	 Check the <u>data rescue tracker</u> to see if the data have already been rescued. 	
	1b. Decide which agency you are most interested in collecting data for. There are different tabs at the bottom of the document. If you would like to rescue data and do not see a tab for the agency or office, feel free to add a new tab.	
	2. Review the MIT Checklist for data rescue in the US	
	 Add your information to the relevant row in the Agencies tab (for example: IMLS or MBDA). Many of the tabs already have datasets listed so you may be able to skip this step 	
	4. Capture ALL necessary information and documentation in addition to data files, if they are data related (e.g., codebooks, data dictionaries, metadata, data stories). If the site does not contain data, make a note of it (these pages can still be nominated to EOT, but documents not relevant to data should not be loaded into Data Lumos)	
	5. Organize the documents and data in a logical fashion (i.e., by year)	
	 Flag any datasets that are behind explorer tools or otherwise difficul to download. These can be indicated in the Data Downloadable column. 	t
	 Nominate the links of dataset to the <u>U.S. Government Web & Data</u> <u>Archive 2025</u> (this replaces the EOT web archive as of 2025-04-01) 	
	8. Zip the files.	
	9. Submit the data files to Data Lumos.	
Fields in each tab of the sheet (dividid by	agency)	
	Admin Notes	perceived threat or known issues
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	Data Added (Y/N/IP)	Has a link to the data been added to the spreadsheet
	Title of Site	The human-readable name of the website



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Data Rescue Tracker

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1	f9927c	Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters	Finished	https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/acc	ncei.noaa.gov	National Oceanic and
2	c77877	BLS Downloads	Finished	https://download.bls.gov	download.bls.gov	Bureau of Labor Stati
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4	🛿 26ba71	US Census Bureau FTP	Finished	ftp://ftp.census.gov	census.gov	Census Bureau
5	7cb43f	National Hurricane Center (NHC)	Finished	https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/arch	nhc.noaa.gov	NOAA/National Hurric
6	2c78d5	United States Geological Survey	Finished	https://rockyweb.usgs.gov	usgs.gov	U.S. Geological Surve
7	98666	Office of General Counsel Documents	Finished	https://www.gc.noaa.gov/docur	noaa.gov	National Oceanic and
8	a575ee	National Hurricane Center FTP	Finished	ftp://ftp.nhc.noaa.gov	ftp.nhc.noaa.gov	National Oceanic and
9	50606	Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO)	Finished	https://echo.epa.gov/files/echo	echo.epa.gov	Environmental Protec
10	369774	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Website	Finished	https://files.consumerfinance.g	consumerfinance.gov	Consumer Financial F
11	7adcdf	College Scorecard	Finished	https://collegescorecard.ed.gov	collegescorecard.ed.gov	Office of Chief Inform
12	913ae5	Campus Safety and Security	Finished	https://ope.ed.gov/campussafe	ope.ed.gov	Office of Chief Inform
13	02fda5	Equity in Athletics Data Analysis Cutting Tool	Finished	https://ope.ed.gov/athletics/#/c	ope.ed.gov	Office of Chief Inform
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Education Data: A Data User Story



Photo by Tim Mossholder / Unsplash

We received a timely <u>data user story</u> focused on the Department of Education's data, especially the **Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)**. The data user wrote,

Submit your story today!

Share your data user story!

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How you can support us.



 Share our resources and projects with your professional and personal circles.

- Rescue data identified in our Data Inventory.
- If you are able, <u>contribute</u> <u>financially</u>

(https://opencollective.com/ datarescueproject).

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Important Note

Due to ongoing volatility of federal webpages after the change in administration, some links on this guide may not be working or work only sporadically. For more information, please see Federal Government Information After the 2025 Transition.

If you find a link is not working, I suggest checking the Internet Archive to see if an archived version is available there. To do so, just paste the url into the top search bar and look for blue circles on the calendar, which indicate successful captures. Hover over the blue dot and click a timestamp to go to the archived page.

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Weekly Roundup

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This page is an attempt to provide current awareness of federal government reports and activities. The page will be updated weekly to provide links to important, newsworthy, or interesting material published during the previous week. The goal is to keep the links to a manageable number for readers, not to be a comprehensive listing. All links are captured in the <u>Internet Archive</u> if possible, and a list of earlier roundups is available.

Please keep in mind that government agencies may present material in a way that reads favorably for the government. You are encouraged to consult other resources (e.g. newspapers) for additional information and/or context.

You can sign up for email notifications of updates by hovering over the Weekly Roundup tab above and clicking "Receive Notifications," then entering your email address and hitting the subscribe button on the right side of the page.

Press Releases : Mar 22 - Mar 28

Other links of possible interest

3/24 - HUD Secretary Scott Turner, DHS Secretary Kristi Noem Establish Partnership to End Illegal Alien Exploitation of Housing Programs (HUD; direct to MOU)

3/24 - Social Security Increases Transparency and Accountability (SSA, with links to resources; see also, MarketWatch article)

3/24 - Postal Service Postmaster General/ CEO Leadership Transition (USPS; see also, Board of Governors <u>statement</u>)

3/25 - Commissioner Gomez on Civil Rights and Fairness (FCC)

3/25 - USDA Delivers on Rural Energy Commitments, Provides Path for Applicants to Support U.S. Energy Independence (USDA; see also, EarthJustice article)

3/25 - TRICARE Online Patient Portal decommissioning: Download your health records now (USSF)

3/26 - U.S. Department of Education Opens Revised Income-Driven Repayment Plan and Loan Consolidation Applications for Borrowers (ED; direct to website; see also, Forbes article) White House press releases and executive actions

Trump Trackers page

The news/media reading lists were not getting enough use to justify continuing, so I will no longer post those. I will again **very** selectively include media reports in the "miscellaneous" box below, as well as post related articles elsewhere when I think they provide important context.

Inspectors General : Mar 22 - Mar 28

3/24 - Broadband Stakeholders Identified Various Challenges Affecting Broadband Deployment (DOC)

3/24 - Complaint Referral Memorandum - United States Mint

New section added to bottom of roundups:

Web Content Changes/Preservation

This list is illustrative, but certainly not exhaustive.

From my own reviews:

"Final" March change/error report of GovSpeak linkcheck

3/24 - Approved apportionments website taken down; I have routinely captured this page, along with the DHS and EPA excel files, in IA as they were published; additional excel files have been captured by EOT and/or other crawls but most recent files may not be captured. See also, statements from House Approps ranking member/Senate Approps vice chair [S Budget ranking member | H Budget ranking member

3/27 - New FOIA Reading Room on Washington Headquarters Services page; older site in IA

3/28 - Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery (SIGPR) website taken down; redirecting to Treasury Report Fraud Waste and Abuse page

3/28 (?) - NIH Scientific Integrity pages removed

From media/Bluesky reports:

3/25 - 15 rumors we've investigated about Trump administration's changes to government websites (Snopes)

3/25 - Introducing GovArchive.us & Mirroring Entire Sites with Web Archives (WebRecorder)

3/26 - Trump's 'climate' purge deleted a new extreme weather risk tool [Future Risk Index]. We recreated it (Guardian)



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Other Examples	This page compiles media/Bluesky reports of content being removed from, or altered on, federal			
UCSD Resources	webpages, as well as reports about attempts to rescue such material. I've listed most of these at			
External Resources	the bottom of each <u>Weekly Roundup</u> , but am also adding them here to provide more streamlined access. I'm certain the list is not exhaustive, and I've tried to exclude articles that are highly			
News Reports	duplicative of others on the list.			
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3/25 - Introducing GovArchive.us & Mirroring Entire Sites with Web Archives (WebRecorder)

3/25 - 15 rumors we've investigated about Trump administration's changes to government websites (Snopes)

3/21 - Web page about iconic Golden Girls actress becomes latest victim of Defense department DEI purge (PinkNews)

3/20 - On Its Website, DOGE Deletes More Than 100 Government Leases It Said Were Canceled (NYT)

3/20 - Pentagon restores histories of Navajo Code Talkers, other Native veterans after public outcry (NBC News)

3/20 - 'A slap in the face': activists reel as Trump administration removes crucial missing Indigenous peoples report (Guardian; see also, final report via IA)

3/20 - Military was instructed to search keywords including 'first' and 'history' during rushed purge of Pentagon websites (CNN)



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GovSpeak Errors: 12/24

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December 2024 errors/changes

CAPUS	Care and Prevention in the United States	unable to verify
CBB	Capacity Building Branch	unable to verify
CCHE	Center for Cancer Health Equity	reverted to CRCHD - Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities
CFSAN	National Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition	replaced by HFP - Human Foods Program
CMEDE	Center for Materials in Extreme Dynamic Environments	unable to verify
ECHPP	Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Planning	unable to verify
IIRD IWG	Information Integrity R&D Interagency Working Group	unable to verify
LFO	Large Facilities Office	changed to RIO - Research Infrastructure Office

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Home Index

Please Note:

I usually run one or two link checks of the <u>GovSpeak</u> site each month and provide a final list of errors/changes at the end of the month. Because of the ongoing uncertainty with federal websites under the new administration, I'm doing more frequent link checks on the GovSpeak site and will provide here a working copy of pages that appear to be down/missing and other changes. I'll continually edit this list during April and provide a final list at the end of the month. Note that this April list does not include bad links identified in other monthly lists.

The vast majority of sites below are HUD webpages that were either moved or deleted in the department's <u>recent redesign</u>. Redirects are not in place and I've not yet located a new active page on the new site. I'll continue reviewing and update as needed, but the new site notes "the new website features about a 90% reduction in content from the previous website."

April errors - PRELIMINARY (4/2)

GovSpeak Errors: 4/25

- A2E Atmosphere to Electrons
- ACMH Advisory Committee on Minority Health
- ALCP Assisted Living Conversion Program
- APPS Active Partners Performance System

CAPFUND Capital Fund

- CCI Community College Initiative Program
- CFFP Capital Fund Financing Program
- CFRP Community Facilities Relending Program
- CHC Cultural Heritage Center

CMGDS Coastal and Marine Geoscience Data System



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Tracking Tools

These tools may be helpful in keeping track of the many changes being made by the Trump administration. Please feel free to contact me at <u>k5smith@ucsd.edu</u> with suggestions/comments.

Apportionment

- OpenOMB (via Protect Democracy)
 - $^\circ$ tracks how the president, acting through the Office of Management and Budget, implements Congress's spending laws

Cabinet/Appointees

- Trump Cabinet confirmation status: Which nominees have been confirmed? (via AP)
- Trump Appointees' Corporate Conflicts of Interest (via Public Citizen)
 - tracks prior employment and former clients/business interests

Campaign Promises

- MAGA-Meter: Trump's Second Term (via Politifact)
- tracks campaign promises and rates whether the promise was achieved
- Tracking Trump's presidential promises (via AP)
 - tracks status of campaign promises; links to related AP articles for additional information

Climate/Environment

- Climate & Clean Energy Rollback Tracker (via Climate Action Campaign)
 - tracks actions to roll back, attack, and weaken key climate policies
- Climate Backtracker (via Sabin Center)
 - identifies step taken to scale back or wholly eliminate federal climate mitigation and adaptation measures
- Federal Environmental Justice Tracker (via Harvard Law School)
 - tracks regulations, policies, and other federal actions that affect communities' exposure to environmental pollution
- Federal Environmental Web Tracker (via EDGI)
 - direct link to 2025- google sheet
 - tracks documented changes to environment-related federal webpages that EDGI's team deems noteworthy; relaunched



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Other Examples

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External Resources

What Can You Do?

About

There has been a dramatic shift around federal government resources and information since the change from the Biden to the Trump administration. This guide is intended to help you understand what's going on and find alternative access to resources. Please be aware that links to federal resources found in the Library catalog, on our Library Guides, and elsewhere may be affected by these changes. The best place to search for archives of missing federal webpages is the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine, and you are welcome to <u>contact me</u> if you need further assistance with federal resources.

Research Help



Kelly L. Smith

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Old Problem, New Challenges

The federal web landscape changes with every new administration to reflect changes in policy, which means there has always been a problem of certain federal information/websites being taken down when a new administration begins. The difference this time around is the scale and speed of change. Entire offices, such as USAID and the Department of Education, are being closed or threatened with closure. Large numbers of websites, datasets, articles, and other types of content have been deleted or altered. Research grants have been terminated. Massive dismissals of staff mean fewer people to research, create, publish, and maintain information resources such as websites and databases. Resources we have relied on for years may no longer be available, and access to certain federal webpages may change from day-to-day or even hour-to-hour.

Information related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) has been hit especially hard, following White House <u>executive actions</u> including new executive orders (EOs) and rescission of EOs from previous administrations. Environmental justice, vaccines and other health information, census research, the January 6 attack on the Capitol, and other important issues have also seen significant changes across federal websites. There's a helpful <u>Wikipedia page</u> that outlines some of the most affected agencies and resources.



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After the 2025 Transition: External Resources

Home	Many organizations are doing great work to help preserve and provide access to federal websites and					
"DEI" Examples	data. The list below highlights a few of these organizations and archives of federal data/websites.					
Other Examples	I also highly recommend taking a look at these first three resources, which are guides created by librarians at other institutions. They include many additional resources of possible interest.					
UCSD Resources	Government Information Data Rescue (American University)					
External Resources	<u>2025 Federal Data Availability</u> (Ohio State University)					
News Reports	 Finding Government Information during the 2025 Administration Transition (University of Minnesota) 					
What Can You Do?	winnessed)					
Tools	Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal (CCHHL) data dump, via Internet Archive					

Bibliographic information about research items (e.g. journal articles) as compiled by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

Data.gov archive, via Harvard Law School Library Innovation Lab

A regularly updated mirror of all data linked from data.gov.

Data Rescue Project

The Data Rescue Project is a coordinated effort among a group of data organizations. It serves as a clearinghouse for data rescue efforts and data access points for public US governmental data currently at risk. See what data is currently being saved via their Data Rescue Tracker.

DataLumos

A crowd-sourced ICPSR repository for government data.

EDGI: Environmental Data & Governance Initiative

Works to preserve data and web pages from EPA, DOE, NOAA, OSHA, NASA, USDA, DOI, and USGS. Monitors federal websites for changes made to environmental content. See also their <u>Federal Environmental Web Tracker</u>, which documents "changes to environment-related federal webpages that EDG's team deems noteworthy."

End of Term Web Archive

Captures and saves U.S. government websites at the end of presidential administrations. The EOT project has preserved websites from administration changes since 2008.

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) Archive. via Internet Archive



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