

Environmental Publications

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Other Environmental Publications

The American Geological Institute published an [Environmental Geoscience Directory](#) in 1996. While the publication is no longer available in print, two of the listings from the directory are provided online.

[Role of Geosciences in the Environment](#) is a white paper prepared by AGI's Environmental Geoscience Advisory Committee for the National Institute for the Environment. It is available online.

The [Ground Water and Soil Contamination Data Base](#) was released in 1996. It now contains over 100,000 citations and is updated weekly. This database is available online.

[Glossary of Hydrology](#) was published in 1998 and contains over 4,000 terms. The glossary provides a listing of the most frequently used hydrologic terms and their definitions for hydrologists, engineers, environmentalists, geoscientists, and others working in the field.

[Groundwater - A Primer](#) This booklet will increase your understanding of groundwater occurrence and distribution, flow and relation to surface water, water use and quality, and contamination and protection.

[Environmental Research Needs of Metal Mining](#) was published jointly by the [Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration](#) (SME) and AGI in 1998. This booklet reports on the priority environmental problems encountered at mining-related Superfund sites and uses this as a basis for defining related research needs and potential research directions for consideration by the academic, government, and private sectors.

[Remediation of Historical Mine Sites](#) was published jointly by the [Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration](#) (SME) and AGI in 1998. This publication identifies existing or developing environmental remediation methods that may have current or future application to historical hard-rock mining sites. It is intended as an introduction to the currently known range of methods.
