

Understanding Your Environment: River Systems Activity 4 - Rivers and Drainage Basins

This investigation will help you to:

- Parts of a River System
- Drainage Divides
- To learn more about water quality issues, visit the following web site:
- To learn more about river pollution and ecosystems, visit the following web sites:
- To learn more about dams and river systems, visit the following web sites:
- To learn more about river systems and wastewater treatment, visit the following web sites:

Parts of a River System

- Earth's Water: Rivers and the Landscape - USGS
Review some of the ideas presented in the EarthComm chapter.
- Mississippi River Delta Basin, NPS
The Mississippi River is a fantastic example of how a delta can change overtime. Explore this site to learn about how the the Mississippi River Delta has changed throughout geologic time.

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Drainage Divides

- Know Your Watershed, What's a Watershed Fact Sheet? Purdue University
This site provides lots of information about watersheds, how they are vulnerable to pollution, and useful links to related sites.
- Surf Your Watershed - Environmental Protection Agency
This site allows you to look up the watershed your community is located in and obtain an environmental profile of your watershed.
- Locate Your Watershed

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To learn more about water quality issues, visit the following web site:

- The National Water Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Homepage - USGS

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To learn more about river pollution and ecosystems, visit the following web sites:

- [Know Your Watershed, Total Maximum Daily Load Fact Sheet - Purdue University](#)
- [Stream Ecosystems - Streams: A National Heritage Worth Preserving, Alabama Cooperative Extension System](#)

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To learn more about dams and river systems, visit the following web sites:

- [Hoover Dam Learning Packet Online](#)
- [Colorado River - Frequently Asked Questions, Hoover Dam National Historic Landmark](#)

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To learn more about river systems and wastewater treatment, visit the following web sites:

- [Army Corps of Engineer Locations](#)
Click on your state/district to be taken to a new site
- [Office of Wastewater Management, Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [Wastewater Treatment - Portland District](#)

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