

EIM Help – Using the Online Reference Tables

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The online EIM reference tables contain the most current valid values allowed by the Data Loader, whereas the lookup tables in the spreadsheet (validate function) are not always current. Each reference table includes search and export options. Available reference tables are:

❖ Parameter	❖ Lab	❖ Tissue Type	❖ Unit of Measure
❖ Method	❖ Taxon	❖ Data Qualifier	

How to Begin

- Once you have established your account (including making your User Profile), [log in to the Data Loader](#)*:

* Ecology staff – go directly to step 2

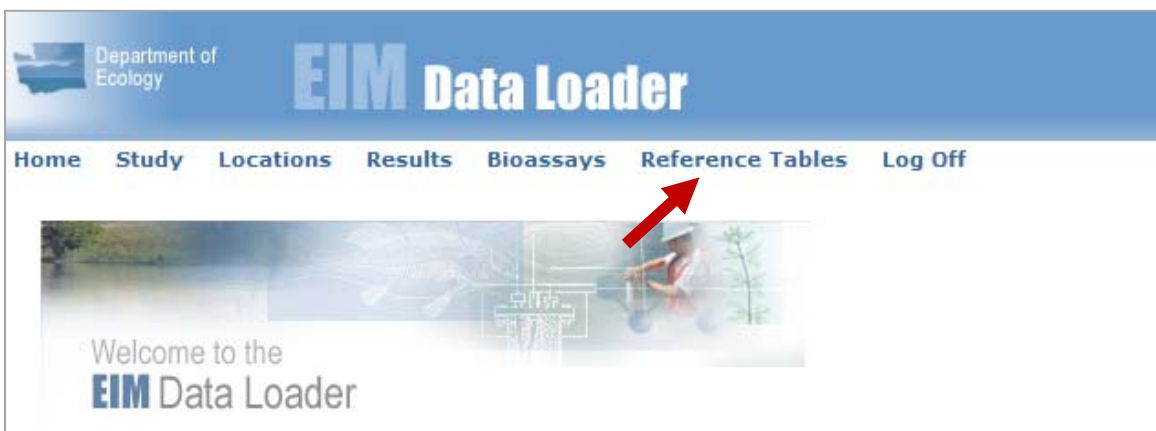
Existing User Login

User Name:

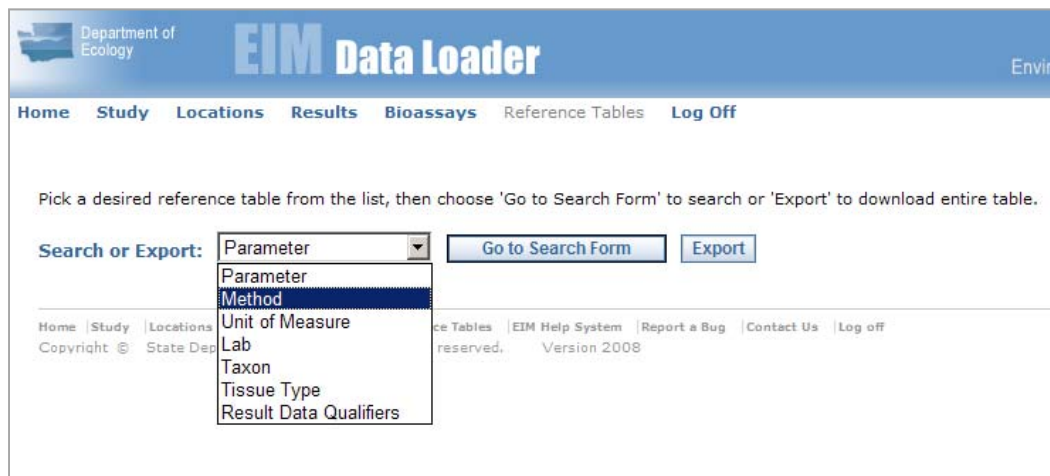
Password:

[Forgot Password?](#)

- From the Data Loader homepage, click the “Reference Tables” link:



- You can search or export the reference tables. Pick the desired reference table from the drop-down list, then click “Go to Search Form” or “Export.” In the example, we chose method:



- Enter your search criteria and click “Search.” In the example, we entered a partial method code:

The screenshot shows the "Method Search Criteria" form. It has the following fields and options:

- Method Category:** All
- Code:** SW82
- Containing:** Containing
- Include Synonyms:**
- Description:** (empty)
- Containing:** Containing

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Search" and "Back to List".

- A list appears based on your criteria. You can also click “View” to see details about a record. If you can’t find what you are looking for, try entering a partial phrase, code, or word. If you still can’t find it, contact an EIM Data Coordinator. We may need to add your value to EIM.

Reference Table List: Method

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[Reference Table List](#) [Edit Search](#)

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Category	Code	Description	Details/Synonyms
ANALYSIS	SW8240	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS)	View
ANALYSIS	SW8240M	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS), modified	View
ANALYSIS	SW8260	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS), Revision 0	View
ANALYSIS	SW8260A	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS), Revision 1	View

6. Example of method details you see after you click “View” (opens in separate window):

Detail: Method	
Method Code	SW8240
Method Category	ANALYSIS
Method Source	EPA SW-846
Method Description	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS)
Method Reference	EPA Office of Solid Waste SW-846, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods.

If you had chosen parameter instead of method for your search, you would see a detail screen like this - with synonyms and link to EPA:

Detail: Parameter	
Parameter Name	PCB-001
CAS Number	EPA Substance Registry > 2051-60-7
Parameter Procedure Required Flag	No
Parameter Sample Fraction Required Flag	No
Parameter Usage Type	Lab
Parameter UOM Type	SUBSTANCE
Synonym(s)	2-Chlorobiphenyl 1,1'-Biphenyl, 2-chloro-Dichlorobiphenyl PCB-1
Parameter Group	PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyl)

Example of what you get when you export a reference table instead of searching it – a comma separated variable (CSV) file that will open automatically in Excel*.

Method Code	Method Category	Method Source	Method Description	Method Reference
AAS-MLA028	ANALYSIS		Organochlorine Pesticides by High Resolution GC/MS, AXYS Analytical Services Method MLA-028	AXYS Analytical Services Ltd., 2045 Mills Rd, POB 2219, Sidney, BC, Canada, V8L 3S8, 888-373-0881, http://www.axysanalytical.com
ACE-LSTV	ANALYSIS	USACE	Grain Size Analysis, Laboratory Soils Testing, USACE EM 1110-2-1906 Appendix V	US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), 1970, 1986. Laboratory Soils Testing, Engineering Manual EM 1110-2-1906, Appendix V, Washington, D.C.
ALPCOEST17	ANALYSIS		17 beta estradiol in water and wastewater by ELISA Immunoassay, ALPCO Diagnostics, Salem, NH	ALPCO Diagnostics, 26-G Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH 03079, 800-592-5726, http://www.alpco.com
AM20GAX	ANALYSIS		Dissolved Gas Analysis in Water Samples Using a GC Headspace Equilibration Technique. Modified from EPA SOP RSK-175 by Microseeps, Inc. to achieve lower detection limits.	Microseeps, Inc., 220 William Pitt Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, 2005

* Note: Sometimes Excel does undesirable things like convert certain CAS numbers into dates. To get around this, use the same basic instructions found in [Preserving Significant Digits in EIM Downloads](#).