

Reading the Border Habitat Research Matrix or the Land Use Research Matrix

For ease in using the matrix as a quick reference, each entry includes abbreviated information about the document or study. Following are the descriptions for each of the matrix data points.

Code This is the identification code which corresponds to the item's source categorization.

- F Federal government
- S State Government
- E Environmental Assessment
- A Academic
- O Other

Cat 1 Each matrix entry is categorized according to its primary focus. These were expanded for the Habitat and Land Use segment. Following are the various categories and their characterization.

- Animal Entries concerning animal (including mammals, birds, insects)
- Animal/Plant Research focused around issues concerning both animals and plants
- Conservation Research or information on the conservation of water sources/bodies.
- EA Specific environmental assessments for projects in the New Mexico border region
- Erosion Work centered on erosion or sedimentation issues
- ITS Intelligent Transportation Systems in relation to environmental issues
- GIS Research that includes Geographic Information Systems
- Misc Miscellaneous research within parameters of BRITE
- Model Project or effort focused on developing, assessing or modifying models and/or modeling tools
- Plant Research focused on plant life
- Restoration Information concerning restoration of water source or bodies
- Shipping Efforts focused upon shipping industry or the effects of the shipping industry
- Social Effort focused on policy issues and/or collaboration and coordination among various entities
- Source Project gathered information on specific contaminants and/or specific emission sources or assessment tools
- Wetlands Projects or research focused on wetland areas or issues.

Cat 2 This column provides more specific information on the project's focus. The key words used should be self-explanatory.

Date This is the year in which the research began, or the year that a document was published.

Location This column provides the primary area assessed by the research or project. Following are the place abbreviations used.

- EP El Paso, TX
- CJ Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua

SP	Sunland Park, NM
SD	San Diego, CA
AZ	Arizona
TX	Texas
NM	New Mexico
CA	California
MX	Mexico
Border	Research is applicable to overall border region
General	Not border specific, but pertaining to border states along with other states.

Source This section lists the organization responsible for the document or study. Following are the full names of the acronyms used.

ACEEE	American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
ASU	Arizona State University
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CEC	Commission for Environmental Cooperation
CNIE	Committee for the National Institute for the Environment
CSU	Colorado State University
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
DRI	Desert Research Institute
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
ITESM	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey
JAC	Joint Advisory Committee on Paso del Norte Air Quality
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
NCHRP	National Cooperative Highway Research Program
NCSU	North Carolina State University
NCVECS	National Center for Vehicle Emissions Control and Safety
NGA	National Governor's Association
NMAQB	New Mexico Air Quality Bureau
NMIMT	New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
NMSHTD	New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department
NMSU	New Mexico State University
NRDC	National Resources Defense Council
PIRG	Public Interest Research Group
PnD	Paseo del Norte
SCAQMD	Southcoast Air Quality Management District
SDSU	San Diego State University
STPP	Surface Transportation Policy Project
TAMU	Texas A&M University
TGLO	Texas General Land Office
TNRCC	Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
TRB	Transportation Research Board
TRIP	Transboundary Resource Inventory Program

UD University of Denver
UU University of Utah
USDA Department of Agriculture
UTEP University of Texas at El Paso
WGA Western Governors' Association

Journal names are abbreviated.

Other references are consulting firms.

Investigator For those projects that identified principal investigator(s), they are listed by last name.

Highlights Provides a one-line summary of the project's focus or results.