APPENDIX

1. What is the primary discipline of your educational background? (For example: microbiology, physics)

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2. Please indicate which of these other disciplines you need to have a sizable knowledge of to do your own research. (Check all that apply)

☐ chemistry
☐ biology
☐ geology
☐ health sciences
☐ engineering
☐ other, please specify

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3. Please indicate the amount of time you spend per week in information-gathering activities. (For example: Reading e-mail alerts, scanning journals, photocopying, conferring with co-workers or other experts)

☐ 0-3 hrs.
☐ 4-6 hrs.
☐ 7-9 hrs.
☐ 10 or more hrs.

4. What percentage of this time accurately reflects the time spent outside of work hours in information-gathering? (For example: home or off-hours)

☐ 0 (I do all of my information-gathering at work.)
☐ less than 10%
☐ 10-20%
☐ 25%
☐ more than 25% (I spend a significant amount of my off-time in information-gathering activities.)

5. How do you feel about the amount of time you spend on information-gathering?

☐ There is not enough time to keep up with everything I’d like.
☐ I have no trouble managing my time in regards to information-gathering.
☐ I have some trouble managing my time in regards to information-gathering.
6. How familiar with the terminology of another discipline do you feel you have to be to understand its literature? (For example: If you are a biologist, how familiar should you be with the terminology of chemistry, physics or other disciplines?)

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar (I can understand and use articles without mastering new terms.)

7. Do electronic sources make it easier or more difficult to gather and use information?

- Easier (I have more time for other tasks.)
- About the same (I spend about the same amount of time on information-gathering with or without electronic sources.)
- More difficult (It takes more time to gather and sort through information.)
- Much more difficult (There is too much information for me to sort through efficiently.)

8. Do you utilize the help of others, such as graduate students, contractors or support staff, in your information-seeking? (Check all that apply)

- Graduate students
- Support staff
- Contractors
- Others, please describe____________________________________
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9. If so, in what capacity? (Check all that apply)

- Photocopying/Retrieval of articles
- Searching for relevant information using scientific databases
- Synthesizing scientific information into reports
- Learning about current trends in the field
- Verifying facts
- Verifying citations
- Other, please describe____________________________________
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10. Please rank the following 10 information-seeking habits you feel are relevant to your work. (1=most relevant, 10=least relevant)

_____ Conversing with co-workers or other experts located at EPA
_____ Conversing with experts located outside of EPA
_____ E-mailing co-workers or other experts
_____ Discussion lists/Listservs
_____ Reading e-mail alerts
_____ Scanning journal titles or citations
_____ Reading articles/books
_____ Attending conferences/colloquia/workshops
_____ Searching electronic databases
_____ Reading electronic journals

11. Please rank the most important/heavily used information sources. (1=most heavily used, 5=least used)

_____ Print journals or books
_____ Print technical reports
_____ Online databases
_____ Electronic journals
_____ Online technical reports

12. How has electronic dissemination of information affected your information-gathering habits in the last five years?

☐ Very different (I use completely different sources than I did five years ago.)
☐ About the same (I still use the same sources as I did five years ago.)

Comments:________________________________________________________
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13. How often would you say that you use library resources in the course of an average month?

☐ Very often (Daily)
☐ On a regular basis (Weekly or bi-weekly)
☐ Seldom (Around once per month)
☐ Never
14. How often would you say that you request assistance in information-gathering from library staff in an average month?

- Very often (Daily)
- On a regular basis (Weekly or bi-weekly)
- Seldom (Around once per month)
- Never

15. Which non-library supplied sources do you most often use? (For example, PubMed, Northern Light, Yahoo, etc.)

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16. Do you subscribe to the monthly electronic newsletter “News from the ERC library”? (Check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- I was not aware of the newsletter

17. Have you attended any of the instruction classes offered at the main EPA-RTP library?

- No, I have not attended any of the instruction classes.
- Yes, I have attended the following: (Check all that apply)
  - Basic Internet
  - Finding Science Information on the Web
  - InfoScout
  - ScienceDirect
  - PubMed
18. Would you be interested in seeing more classes offered by the library staff? If so, please list below any topics that you would like to see covered.

☐ No, I am pleased by the current offering of classes.
☐ Yes, I would be interested in seeing more classes offered. Here are some suggestions for additional classes:

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19. What would be the most effective way for the library to keep informed about your changing information needs? (For example: when you are working on a new project)

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20. Are there additional services that you would like to see offered by the EPA-RTP library?

☐ No. I am satisfied with the library services as they are.
☐ Yes. Here are some suggestions for additional library services:

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Thank you for completing this survey!