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[Visited Jul'11] This comprehensive database addresses subject matter covering the many areas of sustainability as they pertain to business. At the time of this review, *Sustainability Reference Center* indexed 900-plus sources, including journals, monographs, and various trade titles, with full-text coverage for 630 items. Subjects range from corporate social responsibility to recycling and waste management, renewable energy, green initiatives, sustainable business practices, and more. To access this content, users can browse an alphabetical list of publications or conduct a search. Search options include basic, advanced, and visual. The basic option offers simple keyword searching. Advanced searching allows users to limit results by a number of fields including Company, Publication Type, and NAICS/industry code. Visual search provides a unique display of search results that are grouped and sorted by categories. Users can also browse the Thesaurus section to select terms to build a search strategy. When viewing search results, one can refine the search by categories including Subject, Publication, Geography, etc. These categories all have drop-down boxes that update the original search results to focus on specific content. A Relevance Sort option offers further refinement. Search results can be saved and shared, and e-mail alerts can be established, as with other EBSCO databases.

Overall, this database offers much useful information, covering materials from the early 1970s to the present. This reviewer conducted searches using a number of specific as well as vague search terms, and was able to retrieve relevant information on everything he searched. A company search retrieved useful content on companies that have been cited, fined, or convicted for actions that fall under the broad areas of corporate and social responsibility. *Sustainability Reference Center* is user-friendly, offering easy access to numerous reports and articles. It is an excellent source for people who are interested in getting information on a wide range of sustainability topics. The information is authoritative and well documented. Overall, a valuable complement to EBSCO's other business-related resources. **Summing Up:** Recommended. All academic and professional libraries. -- T. M. Marini, *University of Michigan*