



Engineering Village databases: Saving a Search as an Alert (Email or RSS)



The Library

UBC Library subscribes to a number of databases (e.g. Compendex, GEOBASE, GeoRef) from the interface Engineering Village. These databases allow you to save searches as email alerts or RSS feeds. Email alerts require that you set up an account. RSS Feeds do not require an account.

Create an E-mail Notification

1. Run a search and review your search results.

The screenshot shows the Engineering Village search results interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Tags + Groups', 'Easy Search', 'Quick Search', and 'Expert Search'. Below these is the 'Results Manager' section with options to 'Select all on page', 'Choose format' (Citation, Abstract, Detailed record), and buttons for 'View Selections', 'E-Mail', 'Print', 'Download', and 'Save to Folder'. The 'Search Results' section shows 1495 records in Compendex for 1884-2011. A search query is displayed: `+(((tall buildings) WN KY) AND ("United states" OR america) WN All fields))`. Below the query, there are sorting options (Relevance, Date, Author, Source, Publisher) and a list of results. The first result is titled 'Study of recent building failures in the United States' by Wardhana, Kumalasari. A red box highlights the 'Create Alert - RSS' link at the top of the results list.

2. To Create an e-mail alert, click the **Create Alert** link at the top of the results list. You will now receive a weekly email with new records.

The screenshot shows the 'Personal Account Login' form. It includes a login form with fields for 'E-mail address' and 'Password', and a 'Login' button. To the right, there is a 'Register Now' link and a list of benefits: 'Get Weekly Email Alerts', 'Save Records', 'Save Searches', and 'Create Folders'. At the bottom, there is a link for users who have forgotten their password.

3. If you are not logged on to your Engineering Village account, you will be prompted to login. If you do not have an account, you can quickly create one.

The screenshot shows the 'My Alerts' page in Engineering Village. The 'My Alerts' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation tabs, there is a table of alerts. The table has columns for 'No.', 'Type', 'Search', 'Autostem', 'Sort', 'Results', 'Year(s)', 'Database', 'E-mail Alert', and 'Date Saved'. There is one alert listed with the search query `(((tall buildings) WN All fields) AND ("United states" OR america) WN All fields))`. A 'Clear All' button is located at the bottom left of the table.

No.	Type	Search	Autostem	Sort	Results	Year(s)	Database	E-mail Alert	Date Saved
1.	Quick	<code>(((tall buildings) WN All fields) AND ("United states" OR america) WN All fields))</code>	On	▼ Relevance	1702	1884-2011	Compendex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/05/2011 Remove

4. You can review your notifications and disable them by clicking on **My Profile** in the top menu bar and then clicking on **My Alerts** and clicking on **Remove** next to your saved search.

Create a RSS Feed

5. Click on the **RSS** above your search results.



The screenshot shows the Engineering Village search results interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Search History', 'Selected Records', and 'My Profile'. Below that, there are search filters and a 'Results Manager' section with options like 'Select all on page', 'Choose format', and 'View Selections'. The main section is 'Search Results', showing 1495 records. A search query is displayed: '+(((tall buildings) WN KY) AND ("United states" OR america) AND Air fields))'. Below the query, there's a list of results. The first result is 'Study of recent building failures in the United States' by Wardhana, Kumalasar, and Hadjipirion, Fabian C. The 'RSS' link is highlighted with a red box.

6. A pop-up window will appear (please enable pop-up windows in your browser) with a URL which you can add to your RSS reader. If you use a supported internet RSS service such as Google Reader, you can click on the appropriate button to add the feed directly.



The screenshot shows a pop-up window titled 'Engineering Village RSS Feed'. The window contains the following text: 'www.engineeringvillage2.com/controller/servlet/Controller?CID=displayRSSQuery&database=1&term1...'. Below the URL, there's a 'Close' button. The main content of the pop-up is: 'http://www.engineeringvillage2.com/controller/servlet/Controller?CID=openRSS&SYSTEM_PT=t&queryID=5dc994132bb251bcf7905prod1data1'. This is followed by instructions: 'Copy and paste the link to your RSS reader. Each week when the database is updated any new results matching your query will be displayed in your RSS reader. Up to 400 titles will be delivered with each update.' Below this, there's a link to 'For more information on RSS see the Help section.' and a note: 'If you use a common RSS reader, you may click your choice below to subscribe.' At the bottom, there are buttons for 'MY YAHOO!', 'newsgator', 'SUB BLOGLINES', and 'Google™'.