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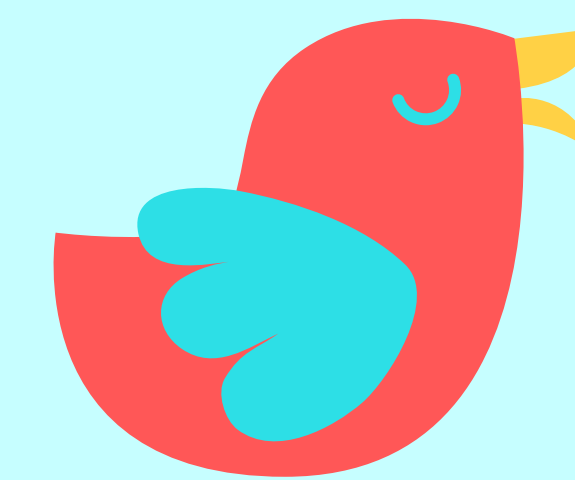
70% of URLs cited by *Harvard Law Review*, *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*, and *Harvard Human Rights Review* suffer from link rot or content drift (Zittrain et al, 2013).

50% of URLs cited by United States Supreme Court cases suffer from link rot or content drift (Zittrain et al, 2013).

76% of URLs cited in Science, Technology, Mathematics (STM) articles suffer from content drift (Jones et al, 2016).

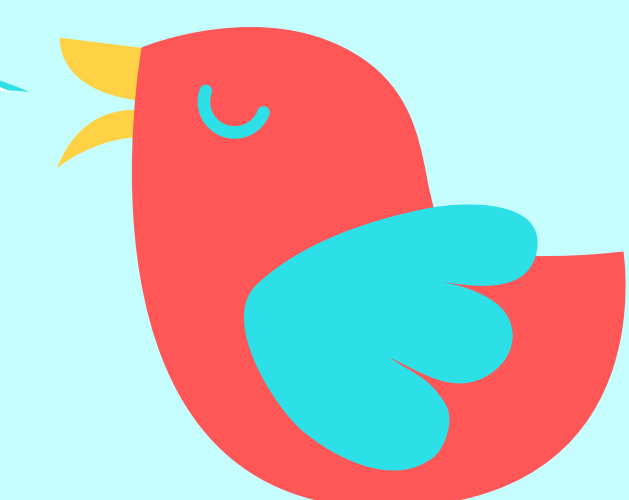
One in five URLs cited by STM research suffer from link rot (Klein et al, 2014).

61% of URLs to public health information published by NGOs suffer from link rot or content drift (Crowe & Hodge, 2006).



Scholars in all disciplines cite open web sources like blogs, non-profit websites, and government information. How do authors protect citation integrity when blogs are abandoned, organizations update content, or administrations change hands?

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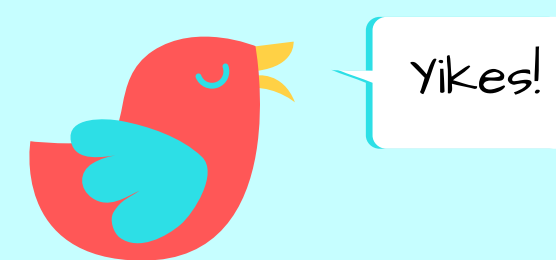
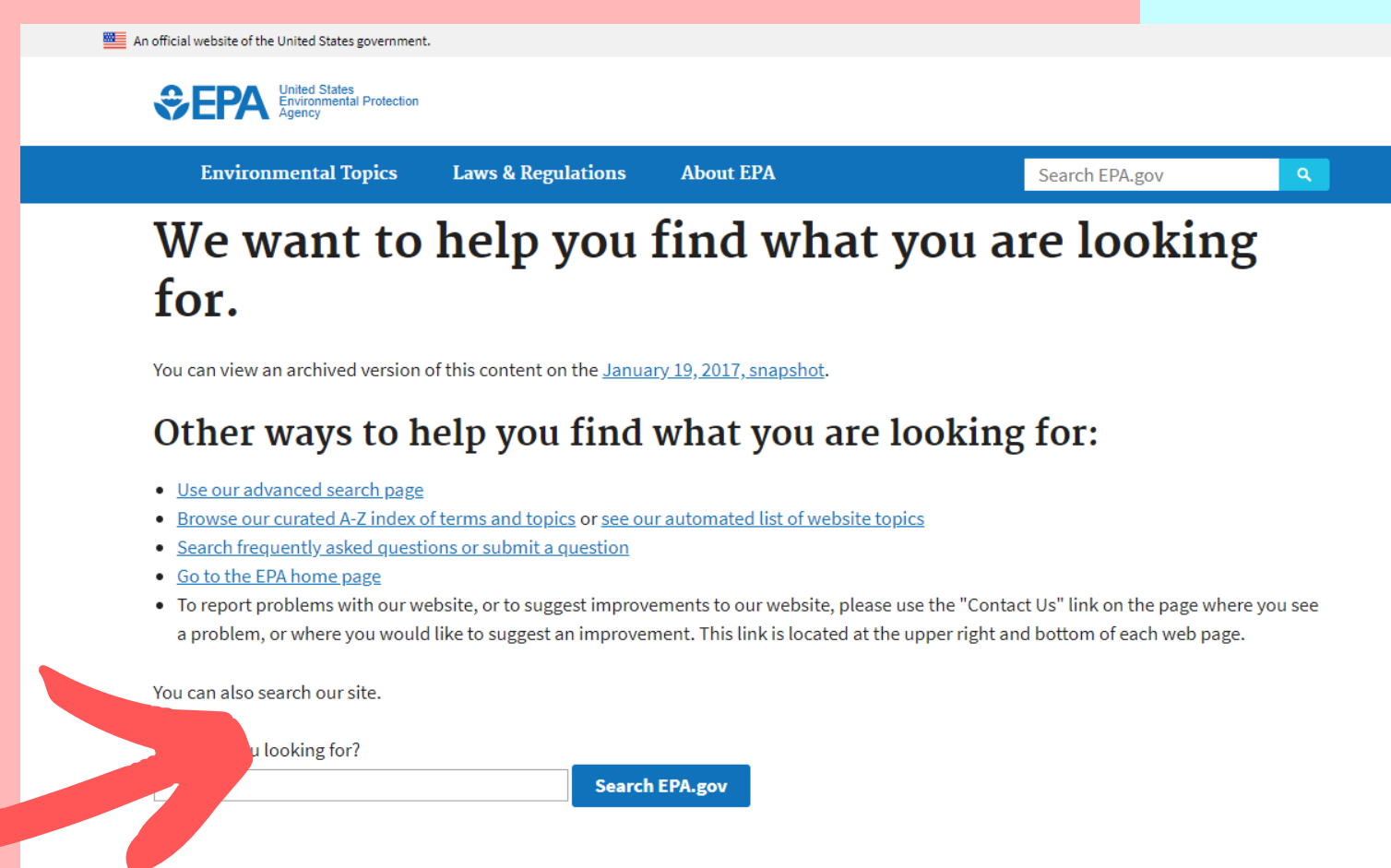
Government information is not immune to link rot or content drift. In a study of food waste legislation scholarship, 24% of URLs to government sources suffer from link rot (Hackstadt, 2019). One notable example of content drift is demonstrated below.

Overview of Greenhouse Gases, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is cited by two authors writing about U.S. food waste legislation:

"Methane accounted for approximately ten percent of all greenhouse gas emissions from human activities in 2010," (Haley, 2013)

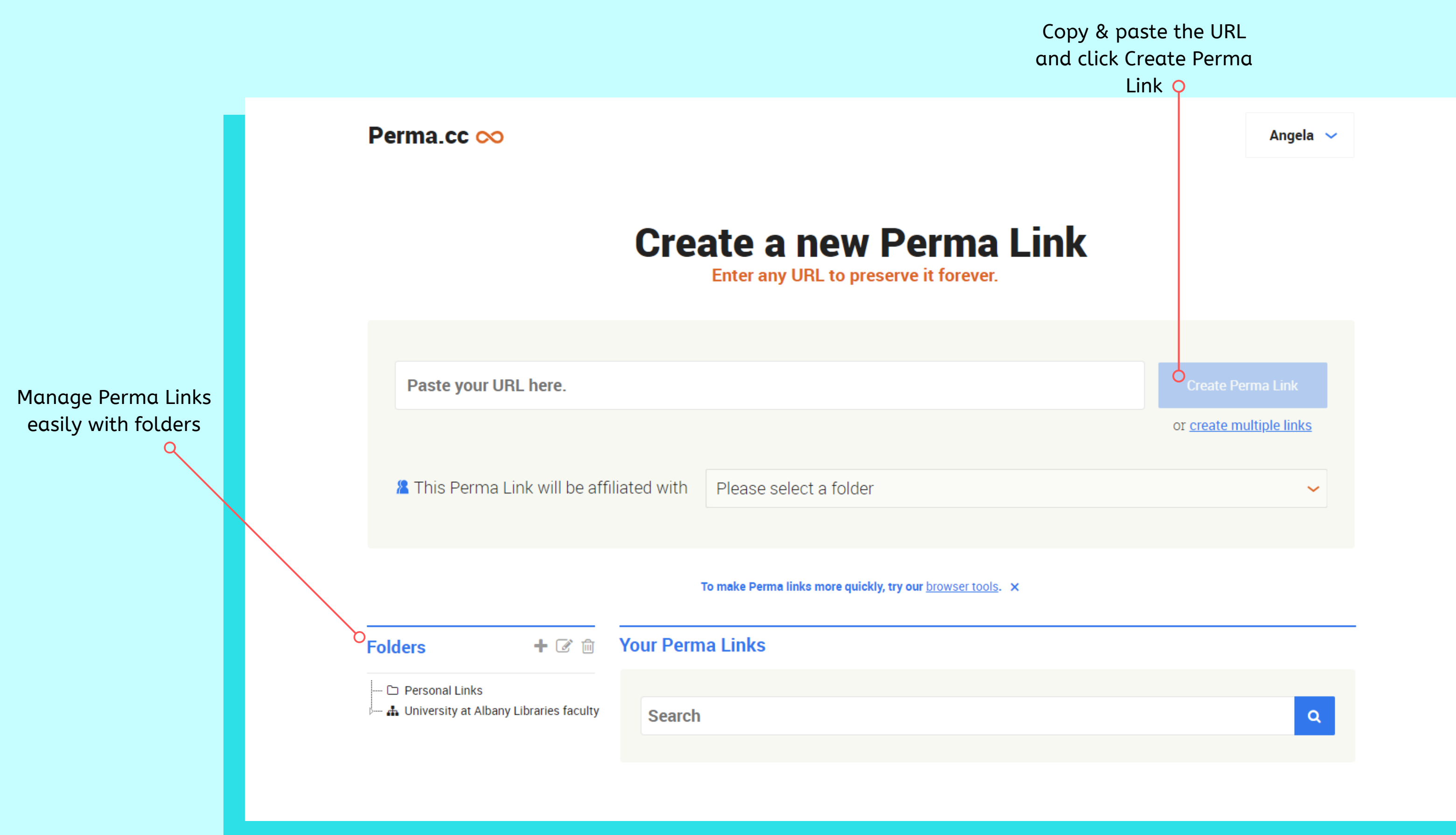
"Methane is a greenhouse gas twenty times more damaging to the atmosphere than carbon dioxide," (Vaz, 2015)

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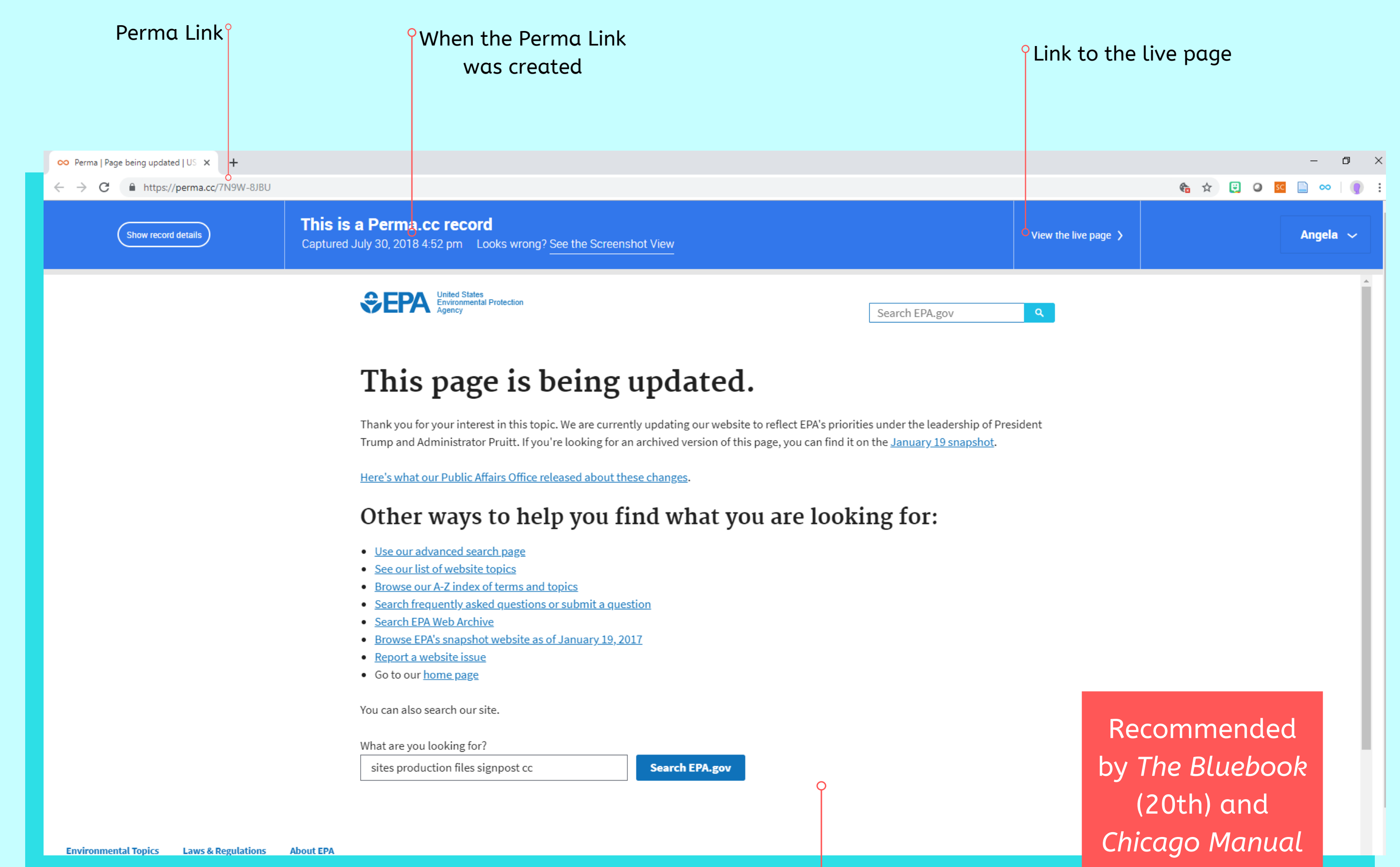
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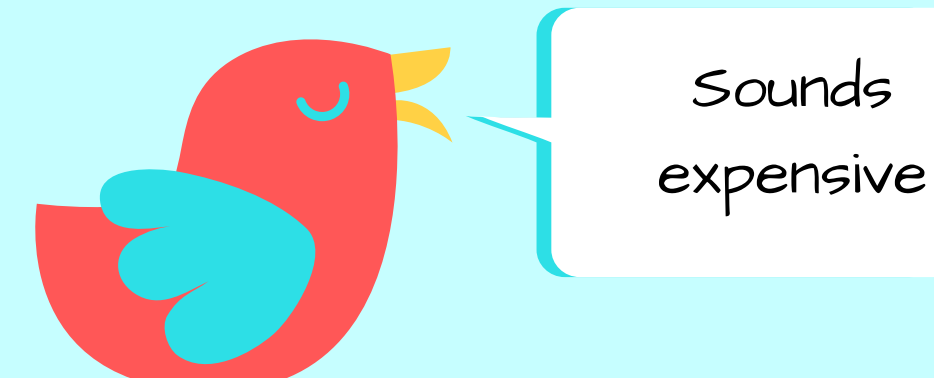
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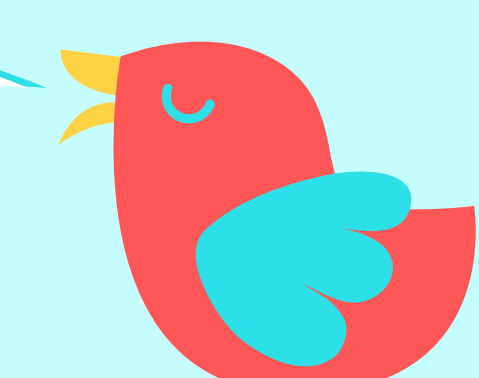
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