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GPO AND ENERGY DEPARTMENT LAUNCH NEW LINKS TO FEDERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Department of Energy (DOE) have initiated two new services that significantly expand public access to Federal Government scientific and technical research information.

Developed by DOE's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI), the **GrayLIT Network** (www.osti.gov/graylit) and **Federal R&D Project Summaries** (www.osti.gov/fedrnd) provide users with the capability to find information regardless of where it resides-by searching for documents across multiple databases of many Federal agencies-in response to a single query. With these new tools, it is no longer necessary for a user to know which agency is working in a particular area or discipline.

The general public as well as users of the more than 1,300 Federal depository libraries nationwide can link to these services through GPO's award-winning Web site, [GPO Access](#).

The **GrayLIT Network** provides a portal to more than 100,000 full-text technical reports located at DOE, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Collections in the **GrayLIT Network** include DOE's **Information Bridge** (also currently available through [GPO Access](#)), the Defense Technical Information Center's Report Collection, EPA's National Environmental Publications Internet Site (NEPIS), NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab Reports, and NASA's Langley Technical Reports.

Federal R&D Project Summaries include more than 240,000 research summaries and awards by three of the major sponsors of research in the Federal Government. The Federal databases available via this tool are DOE's R&D Project Summaries, the National Institutes of Health's CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects) Current Award, and the National Science Foundation's Award Data.

This is the third major project that GPO and DOE have undertaken to expand public access to Government scientific and technical information. In June 1999, GPO and DOE jointly earned a Hammer Award from Vice President Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government for the **Information Bridge**, a service that makes available thousands of unclassified DOE scientific and technical reports in electronic image format via [GPO Access](#). In October, GPO and DOE launched **PubScience**, an online system that provides public access to bibliographic records from approximately more than 1,000 peer-reviewed journals with a focus on the physical sciences and energy-related disciplines.

GPO Access is one of the few Government Web sites established by law and one of the longest running, beginning operation in 1994. It is virtually the only Government Web site that provides easy, one-stop, no-fee access to information from all three branches of the Federal Government. Currently, [GPO Access](#) makes information available from approximately 190,000 titles. Monthly document retrievals average more than 25 million, the equivalent of about 924 terabytes of information.

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