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## **GPO AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LAUNCH NEW WEB-BASED SERVICE**

The Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Department of Energy (DOE) have partnered to launch another new Web service that increases access to the body of scientific and technical Government information. *Energy Citations Database* ([www.osti.gov/energycitations](http://www.osti.gov/energycitations)) is a searchable index that describes publications from 1948 to the present.

Developed by DOE's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI), the *Energy Citations Database* provides bibliographic records for energy and energy-related scientific and technical information from DOE and its predecessor agencies, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA). Indexed publications are from disciplines of interest to the DOE such as chemistry, physics, environmental science, geology, engineering, climatology, oceanography, computer science and related disciplines. Publications in the database represent various forms of literature used to announce DOE's research results, including report literature, conference papers, journal articles, books, dissertations, and patents. Regular updates to the database will ensure that results of recent research and development are made available.

When available, the full text of indexed publications issued since 1995 are linked through the *DOE Information Bridge*, another GPO/OSTI partnership. Publications prior to 1995 are available at more than 1,300 Federal depository libraries located throughout the country and territories.

The depository libraries also offer free public access to online Government publications.

Commenting on the new service, Superintendent of Documents Francis J. Buckley, Jr. said, "We are pleased to partner with OSTI again to increase access to our Government's information. Through *Energy Citations Database*, user-friendly indexing to historical and current energy documents is now available to the American public directly, and through Federal depository libraries."

*DOE Information Bridge* was the first GPO/OSTI partnership established in 1997. GPO and DOE jointly launched *PubSCIENCE*, an electronic system providing public access to a DOE database of scientific and technical literature, in 1999. In 2000, GPO and DOE initiated two additional services, called the *GrayLIT Network* and *Federal R&D Project Summaries*, that 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. *Energy Citations Database* and other partnership online services are accessible through **GPO Access** ([www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess](http://www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess)), one of the few Government Web sites established by law and one of the longest running, beginning operation in 1994. GPO Access includes more than 200,000 documents from all three branches of Government, and averages 30 million document downloads each month.

**GPO Access** is remarkable for its unique commitment to permanent public access. This commitment means that every document on **GPO Access** will remain accessible in perpetuity, and springs from GPO's responsibility for the permanent availability of the publications in the Federal Depository Library Program.

**GPO Access** was recently honored with a 2001 Trailblazer award by E-Gov. In 1999, it was selected as one of the top 50 legal research Web sites for the year by *Law Office Computing* magazine, designated best research site for laws and best Government site overall by the newsletter *legal.online*, and chosen as the first recipient of the American Association of Law Libraries' "Public Access to Government Information" award. In 1998, **GPO Access** was named one of the 15 "Best Feds on the Web" by *Government Executive* magazine, and was called "one of the Federal Government's largest and most active Web sites" by the internationally recognized management firm of Booz-Allen and Hamilton, Inc. Other awards have included the prestigious James Madison Award from the Coalition on Government Information.

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