



## What is the [Department of Energy National Library of Energy<sup>Beta</sup> \(NLE<sup>Beta</sup>\)](#)?

- The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> search tool enables users to find and access information about the Department from across the DOE complex nationwide, without knowing DOE's organization structure. The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> offers one-stop, easy access to DOE information in four broad topic areas: science and R&D; energy and technology for industry and homeowners; energy market information and analysis; and nuclear security and environmental management.
- The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> is designed to serve the American public; all sectors of the energy industry; researchers, scientists, and engineers; students, parents, and teachers from kindergarten through graduate school; federal, state, and local government; the news media; and past, present, and future employees of DOE and its National Laboratories.
- The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> is a featured search and developer tool on the [Energy.gov Open Energy Data site](#) and a training resource on the [DOE Virtual University](#), the Department's online workforce development and training center. It is also a resource listed on the AAAS' [EurekaAlert](#) DOE Research News Library page.

## What does the NLE<sup>Beta</sup> search?

- DOE (energy.gov); DOE program offices; the National Nuclear Security Administration; the Energy Information Administration (EIA); DOE staff offices; DOE field/site offices; and DOE National Laboratories, technology centers, and user facilities.
- The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> searches dozens of home pages, hundreds of websites, several databases, and fully 25 million searchable pages. Its contents are listed on the [NLE<sup>Beta</sup> Information Sources](#) page.
- In addition to DOE websites or "surface web" content, NLE<sup>Beta</sup> searches "deep web" content/data in DOE databases that are not accessible by commercial search engines such as Google or Bing.

## How does the NLE<sup>Beta</sup> work?

- The combined search technology makes it possible to search *all* this information via a single query with search results returned in relevance-ranked order.
- Individual site results are retrieved verbatim, with hyperlinks back to those same databases/pages where the full record and full text, as available, can be viewed.
- The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> preserves the identities of individual organizations and the integrity and ownership of their information.
- Searches are kept current by immediately updating the deep web database search and re-indexing the NLE<sup>Beta</sup> websites weekly.

## What's New?

The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> is now OSTI's gateway to DOE scientific and technical information (STI). The former STI gateway, Science Accelerator, has been retired as a result of OSTI's initiative to streamline its product portfolio and advance public access to additional types of scientific and technical information.

## NLE<sup>Beta</sup> enhancements:

- A refreshed homepage features more prominent Search and Advanced Search boxes.
- The NLE<sup>Beta</sup> offers a new option, "Explore Energy by Topic," which helps users easily identify and select their DOE topic of choice, enabling more focused searches.
- Advanced Search now displays all energy science topics across four easy-to-view search columns.
- DOE user facilities have been added.

## What's Next for NLE<sup>Beta</sup>?

- Additional databases and searchable website content will be added on a periodic basis. DOE offices are welcome to offer the NLE<sup>Beta</sup> as an enhanced search resource on their sites. OSTI encourages users to offer feedback about the NLE<sup>Beta</sup> at <http://www.osti.gov/nle/feedback-contact.html>.