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AEA launches a new digital library of over 7,500 items

The library will serve as an online digital repository for Alaska's energy data

(Anchorage) — The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) launched a new online digital library platform, aimed at improving the public's ease of access to, and navigation of AEA records, both current and historical.

AEA's new digital library is a robust keyword-based search and query tool for locating Alaska's energy data from any browser-enabled device with web connectivity. At present, there are over 7,500 publicly available program publications, technical reports, research and feasibility studies, and a vast array of other document formats.

"AEA's new digital library is a significant milestone in a multi-year effort to enhance ease of access to, and ensure the sustainable preservation of the State's energy records," **said AEA Executive Director Curtis W. Thayer.** "Thanks to initial funding from the Denali Commission, we have digitized and made available an extensive amount of current and past energy information, and will continue to add additional documents over the library's lifetime."

Several digital library items date back prior to AEA's founding in 1976 and were previously only accessible in print. Following significant scanning and digitization efforts by AEA's team and local Alaskan service providers, these items are now readily accessible in electronic format.

While AEA's digital library is accessible via mobile devices with browser functionality, it is not optimized for mobile devices. As such, it is recommended that users access the digital library using a non-mobile device enabled with a fully-updated browser. AEA's digital library can be accessed at akenergyauthority.org/library.

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About the Alaska Energy Authority

The Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state. Its mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska. To achieve this mission, AEA strives to diversify Alaska's energy portfolio increasing resiliency, reliability, and redundancy. To learn more, visit <u>akenergyauthority.org</u>.