

*Name of the Tool*    The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)

**Home Page**

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP). At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Basic, Advanced, Expert, Browse, New Titles, Help, About, FDLP Login, and MetaLib. Below the navigation is a banner with the text "CATALOG OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS (CGP)" and several icons representing different types of publications. Underneath the banner, there's a section titled "Catalog to Search:" with links for Congressional Serial Set, Historic Shelflist, FDLP Web Archive, Serials, Congressional Publications, Electronic Titles, Gov-eBooks, My Options: Bookshelf, Results List, Preferences, and Previous Searches. A breadcrumb trail at the top indicates the user is on the "Catalog of U.S. Government Publications Home Page > National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications". The main content area features a "Welcome to the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)!" message, followed by a detailed description of the tool's features, including its ability to search historical and current publications, direct links to full documents, and options for advanced search and expert assistance. It also mentions the Federal Depository Library for further assistance. Below this, there's a search interface with a text input field containing an example query ("Example: wildlife \"environmental impact statement\" NOT draft"), a dropdown menu for "Keyword(s): Any", a dropdown for "Catalogs: National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications", and buttons for "Go" and "Clear". At the bottom of the page are links for "Help" and "About".

**Logo**



**URL**

<https://catalog.gpo.gov/F>

**Subject**

Government publication—United States--Catalogs

**Accessibility**

Free

**Language**

English

**Publisher**

U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)

**Brief History**

The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) is the Federal Government's official, digital, secure resource for producing, procuring, cataloging, indexing, authenticating, disseminating, and preserving the official information products of the U.S. Government. The GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government, including U.S. passports for the Department of State as well as the official publications of Congress, the White House, and other Federal agencies in digital and print formats. GPO provides for permanent public access to Federal Government

information at no charge through our govinfo (<https://www.govinfo.gov/>), partnerships with approximately 1,150 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program, and our secure online bookstore. GPO is the authoritative national source for descriptive and subject cataloging for Federal Government documents. In creating full bibliographic records for the Catalog, GPO's Office of Library Technical Information Services (LTIS), Bibliographic Control Section (BCS) adheres to the bibliographic standards set forth in the *Resource Description and Access (RDA)*, *Library of Congress Rule Interpretations*, MARC21, CONSER, OCLC's *Bibliographic Formats and Standards*, 2nd ed., *GPO Cataloging Guidelines*, and other national standards. The CGP was originally the online counterpart of the *Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications*, which had been printed since the passage of the Printing Act of 1895. The cataloging records currently date from July 1976 to the present and plans are underway to include records for publications dating back to the 1800s. The print version of the *Monthly Catalog* was discontinued with the December 2004 edition.

#### **Scope and Coverage**

More than 500,000 records generated since July 1976 are contained in the CGP and it is updated daily. The catalog will grow to include records for publications dating back to the late 1800s, making the CGP the central point for locating new and historical Government publications. For publications issued prior to 1976, the printed *Monthly Catalog* should be consulted. Print editions of the *Monthly Catalog* and many of the publications indexed in it were distributed through the Federal Depository Library Program.

#### **Kind of Information**

The CGP can be searched by several different methods: Basic, Advanced, Expert, and Browse. In addition to the search hints, the following are rules for all types of searches like the length of the search terms used in any of the search methods can be up to 2,000 characters long, the catalog supports *and*, *or*, and *not* Boolean operators, *and* is assumed if no operator is present. Operators can be typed in English or expressed by using any of the following conventions:

- AND = + (plus sign)
- AND = & (ampersand)
- OR = | (pipe sign)
- NOT = ~ (tilde)

One may use quotes to indicate a phrase. For example, "national parks". There are some other search strategies.

Preferences - Advanced Search - FDLP Sign In

Example: wildlife "environmental impact statement" NOT draft

Keyword(s): Any

Catalogs: National Bibliography of U.S. Government Publications

Go Clear

Help - About

The above screen shot is the CGP Basic Search page. To conduct a Basic Search, one have to choose the index they want to search, e.g., keyword(s), title, author, or subject, and choose a catalog to search. They have to enter their search term(s) in the box and press "GO". They can also use quotes around phrases, use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) between terms, or apply any of the other rules listed above to get more precise search results. Once one has conducted a search he or she begins to work within the catalog. To do another Basic Search, click on BASIC in the catalog's top navigation. The page that is returned is slightly different from the first Basic Search page. One can also formulate a search as he or she did initially or can create a search by working with your previous search results. There are another search options, like Advance Search, Item Number Search, Expert, CCL Codes, Browse Search etc.

### ***Special Features***

- Direct links to online versions of publications from the cataloging record;
- "Locate a Library" feature within each record to find a nearby Federal depository where a particular publication or expert assistance can be found;
- Robust search engine;
- Basic, Advanced, and Expert search options;
- Searches can be narrowed to specific collections or formats, such as maps, Congressional, or Internet publications;
- Search results or selected records can be e-mailed.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

#### **Remarks**

This catalog contains records for House and Senate Reports, House and Senate Documents, Senate Executive Reports and Documents, and Senate Treaty Documents. The records date from July 1976 and are complete from the 95th Congress (1977-1978) to the present. Links are provided to publications when they are available online.

#### **Date of Access**

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