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Welcome to the National Methane Hydrate R&D Website - A Meeting Place for the Research Community

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The U.S. National Methane Hydrate R&D Program was established to support research to better understand the nature of hydrates, hydrate-bearing sediments, and the interaction between the global methane hydrate reservoir and the world's oceans and atmosphere. This website was established to stimulate worldwide cooperation to address the entire spectrum of issues surrounding this potentially enormous energy resource.

The website is a repository of information dealing with methane hydrate issues classified under the major R&D headings of resource characterization and basic science, methane production, global carbon cycle and climate change, and safety and seafloor stability.

Our featured website topics include:

- Newsletter - Catch up on the latest developments in hydrate research
- All About Hydrates - Learn more about methane hydrate science
- The National R&D Program - Find out what the U.S. Government is doing to stimulate R&D
- Interagency Coordination Plan - The Committee, its goals, and the path forward
- Methane Hydrate Data Bank - Access technical information on worldwide resources
- Participants - Network with program participants to explore opportunities

Website topics are updated regularly, with contributions welcome from researchers around the world. The National Methane Hydrate R&D Program is an interagency effort, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy, with active participation by the U.S. Geological Survey, the Naval Research Laboratory, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, the Minerals Management Service, and the National Science Foundation.

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Welcome
to the **National Methane Hydrate R&D Program**

A Meeting Place for the Methane Hydrate R&D Community

On May 2, 2000, the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 was signed into law in the U.S. The bill called for the Secretary of Energy to commence a program of methane hydrate research and development, through cooperation with the Departments of Defense, Interior, Commerce, and the National Science Foundation. As a result of this partnership, the National Methane Hydrate Program was launched.

A panel of experts from industry, academia, and the Federal Government was formed to advise on potential applications of methane hydrate, to assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the National Methane Hydrate Program, and to report results and progress of the program to Congress.

As part of the effort to foster communication among the partner organizations and others involved in methane hydrate research and development, the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) developed this web site.

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