



What is the Department of Energy?

The mission of the Department of Energy is to ensure our security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions.¹

Conversation Questions

1. What is our responsibility as individuals to understand the specific roles and inner workings of large government institutions?
2. How is energy – use, storage, type – related to national security?
3. To what extent should a new administration change the priorities of a federal agency?

Core Resources

- Organizational Chart, <https://www.energy.gov/leadership/organization-chart>
- DOE History, <https://bit.ly/2R2rSm6>
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), <https://bit.ly/2C8YV32>

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Direct Current by the Energy.gov Digital Team

<https://bit.ly/2B8Jjv0>

Take a deep dive into the Energy Department with their podcast. In its third season, this podcast answers questions about different energy sources and shares insight about the people in the department.

¹ From "About Us – Energy Department," <https://www.energy.gov/about-us>





Read

***The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis**

<https://bit.ly/2zNdrw3>

Michael Lewis's latest novel describes what is happening now in our government institutions, where key positions in departments (including the DOE) are not being filled. He attempts to determine what happens when the nation does not know what is not being done by our government.

Explore

What Exactly Does the Energy Department Do?

by Reena Flores

<https://cbsn.ws/2Eo3YiL>

This article explains recent and historical workings of the DOE while predicting how the agency will move forward under new leadership.

The Department of Energy Is Failing to Do Its Job

by David B. Goldstein

<https://on.nrdc.org/2ufMvzt>

This blog explains how the DOE was established by Public Law 95-91, which mandates that it operate under congressional goals and priorities, and how the current administration is failing to follow this law.

