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Announcing Open NTRL

In October 2014 NTIS announced four levels of access to the **National Technical Reports Library (NTRL)**;

- **Public NTRL** - open access to all bibliographic and abstract content with a link to the NTIS Webstore for purchasing.
- **Public NTRL with Customer Registration** – open access to bibliographic and abstract content plus access to all electronically available reports.
- **Premium NTRL for Individuals** – paid subscription that included more powerful search and results management as well as **Digital-on-Demand Services** for content that was not in digital format.
- **Premium NTRL for Institutions** – all the added benefits of Premium NTRL for individuals plus management tools.

The demand for **Premium NTRL Services** was much lower than forecast. Therefore beginning October 1, 2016 NTIS will be discontinuing all **Premium NTRL Services**. NTIS will no longer accept new Premium NTRL subscription requests and beginning October 1, 2016 we will begin to process pro-rata refunds to current **Premium NTRL** subscribers. **Digital-on-Demand** services will be discontinued at that time.

Public NTRL will be relaunched on October 1 as **Open NTRL**. **Open NTRL** will include the following advanced search capabilities now available only in **Premium NTRL**:

- Search by title words
- Search by source agency
- Search by author
- Search can be limited by year of publication
- Search can be limited to documents available in full text
- Search results in access to all full text reports in digital format.

Customer registrations and password access features for all NTRL services will be discontinued for the **Open NTRL**. **Open NTRL** will be freely available worldwide.

We look forward to providing 21st century access. If you have additional questions regarding your future access to NTRL, feel free to contact me at gguthrie@ntis.gov.

Regards ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory G. Guthrie".

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