

21. STOP WORDS

Stop words are common words that are not used in search queries. Most of these are found so frequently within text that searching for them would create unmanageable results.

Consider a search for *The Yucca Mountain Project*. To oversimplify somewhat, the search engine has to make four runs to find matches. First, it looks for all matches of *The*, then all matches of *Yucca*, then all matches of *Mountain*, then all matches of *Project*. Looking for the last three words is enough to find relevant pages, so to save time, the search engine excludes searching for a select number of small words. It won't "stop" to look for them.

Stop words can be included in phrases by putting the words in quotes: e.g., Department "of" Energy.

Participants do not need to do anything in preparing their documents for publishing on their external server to address "stop word" control. Stop words are implemented at the LSN portal software level.

The following is a list of stop words applicable to the Licensing Support Network (LSN) site.

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