



Success Factors in Establishing National Data Centers

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To establish a National Data Center that contains all the subsurface information in a country or region it is not sufficient to discuss the technology offering and technical issues to be addressed. Based on results from the National Data Repository Conference in Utrecht in 2005, government representatives stated that 80% of the problem is related to: Government buy-in, Industry buy-in, Legal issues and Financing. The remaining 20% were related to a broad range of technical issues.

The presentation will address issues that a number of governments around the world have taken to create a ONE-STOP-SHOP for information on subsurface resources and industry meetings related to National Data Centers.