The STI Program Through the Decades

Computer Technology Used

1940's

Atomic Energy Commission Created Technical Information Program Established Nuclear Science Abstracts Began 1960'S

1950's

Microcard/Microfiche Program Full Text Dissemination of STI to GPO Atoms-For-Peace Program

1970'S Interna AEC abolished; Energy Research and Development Administration Established Energy Data Base (EDB) Began ERDA Abolished; DOE Established DOE O 1340.1 includes Technical Reports Technical Information Meetings Initiated

1980's

International Nuclear Information System (INIS) Created

International Energy Technology Data Exchange (ETDE) Non-nuclear Energy Information Shared Hierarchical Data Structure DOE STI Orders Created

1990's

Digitization of Report Literature Evolution of the Internet Streamlined Directive STIP Strategic Plan DOE Collaboration w/GPO Adopted Dublin Core

2000's

Web Information Tools Distributed Searching Technology Innovations Increased STI Usage via Web Electronic Transition Complete

Chronology of STI Pre-Web

1947	Technical Information Division established (precursor of OSTI)	1985	CENDI chartered via MOU among Energy, Commerce, Defense, and NASA	
1948	Nuclear Science Abstracts (NSA) announcement periodical introduced	1986	NTIS agreements with commercial vendors fully replace RECON	
1952	Document miniaturization (microfiche) initiated for STI dissemination to libraries	1987	Energy Technology Data Exchange (ETDE) created under International Energy Agency	
1954	Atoms for Peace program established to share nuclear information for peaceful uses	1991	Software center relocated from ANL and established at OSTI as ESTSC	
1967	Computer processing of information begins	1994	DOE Home Page unveiled in conjunction with White House Page. Hosted by OSTI	
1969	International Nuclear Information System (INIS) created under International Atomic Energy Agency	1994	Four DOE STI Orders are consolidated into one streamlined order, with a nonmandatory guide	
1969	Electronic access to announcement citations via RECON	1995	Secretarial Initiative - OpenNet database established and site made public. Hosted by OSTI	
1974	Energy Science and Technology Database (EDB) initiated	1995	Reports Bibliographic Database developed in partnership with GPO	

Internet Era of DOE STI

May 1997	EnergyFiles Unveiled at InForum '97	May 2000	Physical Sciences Workshop Convened
June 1997	R&D Project Summaries Online	August 2000	Federal R&D Project Summaries Available
September 1997	STIP Strategic Plan Issued	August 2000	GrayLIT Network Available
September 1997	Information Bridge Available to DOE	November 2000	PrePRINT Alerts Available
April 1998	Information Bridge Available to Public	April 2001	Science Information Workshop Conducted
October 1998	Electronic Report Submission Capability via E-Link	May 2001	Subject Portals Available
March 1999	R&D Accomplishments Available	September 2001	Energy Citations Database Available
April 1999	EnergyFiles EnergyPortal Search Available	November 2001	Electronic Reporting Goal Completed
October 1999	PubSCIENCE Available	January 2002	Data Harvesting Initiated
January 2000	PrePRINT Network Available	December 2002	science.gov Officially Launched

STIP Moves into the Electronic Era

- FY91 DOE adopts electronic document format; SGML was only recognized format at that time
- FY 93-94 STI Order revision addresses the initial concept of a distributed electronic environment
- FY95 Processing full-text STI documents and related metadata (1332.15 form) electronically begins
- FY97/FY98 DOE partners and stakeholders plan next iteration of STI electronic exchange; Order revision for 1998 addresses formats, procedures, etc.
- FY99 E-Link system and 241.1 form implemented; links to full-text documents posted at sites; Procurement SIG develops 241.3
- FY01 SC issues memo noting requirement for electronic only submissions to OSTI effective Jan. 2001; DOE F 241.3 implemented for financial assistance and grant deliverables
- FY02 OSTI implements technology to directly access STI at labs via "harvesting"