

Subject: FW: Sharing of NASA research with the public
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Per the request of Max Bernstein, I am forwarding this information.

There is and has been more than one mechanism in place to carry out the distribution of NASA science and technical reports and publication. There are probably too many outlets and the information is getting lost.

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Subject: Re: Sharing of NASA research with the public

Max,

I saw the request for info in the PEN.

Here is a thought, why create some new sight when there already is a sight, which is already tasked with the job.

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It is under the Department of Commerce, so ITAR and other export information should be addressed as well.

It also already contains some NASA reports, NASA publications in other journals should be able to be placed there as well due to the copyright exclusion for NASA funded research publications.

Subject: Public access to federally funded research

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Further, There are existing federally funded information distribution organizations such as DITC, NTIS , NTRS, GPO and others, who should have specific guidance and distribution information concerning such reports. As Copyrights are forbidden on NASA and other federally funded research, the reports and journal articles should be available at distribution cost.

Failure of the availability of federally funded research information that is not classified, is a failure of the organizations to meet the letter and intent of the law or, a lack of appropriate oversight of publications, or a lack of funding to disseminate the information.

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