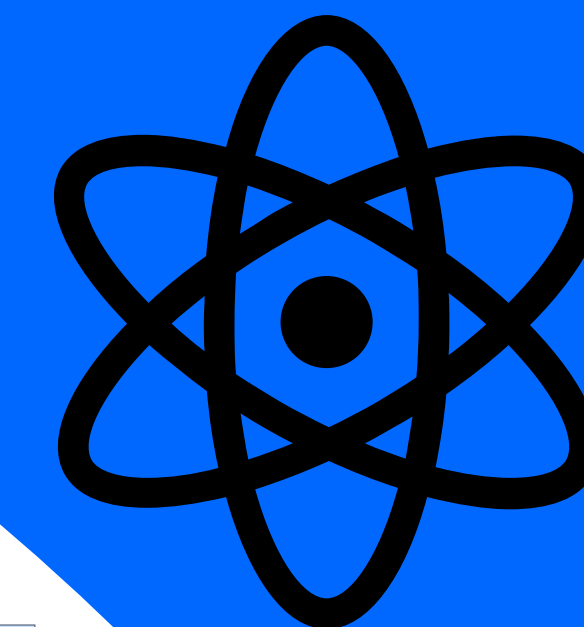


Finding Reports from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission



From 1946-74, there were two distribution sources for AEC reports:

Federal depository library program (GPO):


- Reports were issued under various SuDoc numbers but mostly Y 3. At 7:22
- Distributed titles indexed in the *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications*.

*Most of these reports were technical and **not** appropriate for the FDLP.*

AEC depository program:

- Reports were issued on paper, microcard, or microfiche (2 sizes).
- Estimates of between 250,000 to 500,000 reports issued.
- Indexed in *Nuclear Science Abstracts* (digitized/free online).
- Only selected libraries participated.

Why are these difficult to find?

These reports are typically not cited as being issued by the AEC. These are largely uncataloged - **but** that is changing! 

Hints for identifying then locating a report:

- Verify using OSTI.gov or *Nuclear Science Abstracts*
- Contact libraries with significant AEC collections such as Penn State or University of Minnesota and ask them to check their holdings.

**Always check
OCLC first!**

Excellent background summary by U. Minnesota:
“The Atomic Energy Commission Publications User Guide”
<https://libguides.umn.edu/govpubs/aec-guide>

Characteristics of the AEC-distributed reports:

- Translations of foreign articles
- Technical reports from contractors, laboratories (foreign and domestic) and other groups such as:
 - Alcoa Products (APAE-)
 - Argonne National Lab. (ANL-)
 - Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC-)
 - Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique, Paris (CEA-)
 - Martin Marietta Labs (MND-)

A sampling of cataloging projects*:

- **TRAIL** is scanning print AEC reports and has tested scanning of microcards. (<https://trailguides.crl.ed/series/AEC>)
- **Michigan** is cataloging their microcards.
- **Penn State** is cataloging microformats, utilizing MarcEdit and OSTI metadata. 23,000 records created to date.

Online availability is increasing via TRAIL, NTRL, OSTI.GOV and selected organizations.

* *OCLC records are being created for most of these projects*