

INTERNET ACCESS TO HUMAN RADIATION EXPERIMENTS INFORMATION

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Making Information available to the public via the Internet has been an important component of the Administration's effort to promote openness in government. The report, *Building Public Trust*, is available via the Internet's World Wide Web at The DOE Office of Human Radiation Experiments (OHRE) Homepage (<http://www.ohre.doe.gov>).

A listing of human radiation experiment and related information sources on the Internet is provided below.

- **Human Radiation Experiments Information Management System (HREX)**
(<http://hrex.dis.anl.gov>)

HREX was originally created by the DOE Office of Human Radiation Experiments to provide Internet access to the records it collected during the human radiation experiments project. In the spirit of openness, the other agencies involved in the human radiation experiments project (DoD, HHS, VA, NASA, and CIA) have joined DOE in this effort.

This new interagency version of the database contains over 300,000 pages of records collected by the agencies for the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments. Upon completion later this year, it is expected that HREX will include half a million pages of historical documents from all agencies.

All agency documents have been imaged and the complete document text captured electronically via OCR (optical character recognition). Researchers are able to conduct searches of the full text of the document collection and to view the actual images of the relevant documents. Researchers may search the records of all agencies or may limit their searches to a particular agency of interest.

- **The DOE Office of Human Radiation Experiments (OHRE) Homepage**
(<http://www.ohre.doe.gov>)

The OHRE Homepage was made available to the public in February 1995. The Homepage, which is periodically updated includes:

-Link to HREX

-The report, *Building Public Trust: Actions to Respond to the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments*

-OHRE's publications

- *Human Radiation Experiments: The Department of Energy Roadmap to the Story and the Records*, which includes project background, site histories, records series descriptions, topical essays, and a preliminary list of experiments.
- *Human Radiation Experiments Associated with the United State Department of Energy and its Predecessors*, which contains the summary of over 400 experiments identified by DOE.
- *Human Radiation Studies: Remembering the Early Years*, which consists transcripts of 29 oral histories of individuals important to this topic.

-The Final Report of the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments

-Transcripts of the February 1996 Public Meeting to take comments on the Administration's response to the Advisory Committee Report (Stakeholders Workshop)

-Photographs and a sound bite

- **Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments Homepage at the National Security Archive (<http://www.seas.gwu.edu/nsarchive/radiation/>)**

The site includes information such as the transcripts and related materials for Committee meetings, the text of the Final Report, and the complete listing of the Research Document (Archives) collection, Publications (Library) collection, and ACHRE-identified experiments. Word searches can be performed using the capabilities of an Internet browser.

- **OpenNet (<http://www.doe.gov/html/osti/opennet/opennet1.html>)**

OpenNet is sponsored by the DOE Office of Declassification and was originally designed to provide public access to recently declassified documents. Its scope has been expanded to include many other publicly available documents from throughout the DOE complex, including the complete index of the collection at the Coordination and Information Center (CIC) in Las Vegas, which has a voluminous collection of AEC/DoD historical records from the Cold War period and of documents related to the health effects of ionizing radiation.

- **DOE Protecting Human Subjects Program Homepage (<http://www.er.doe.gov/production/oher/humsubj/index.html>)**

This site, sponsored by the DOE Office of Health and Environmental Research, includes general information resources such as a handbook containing detailed guidance for all research parties in protecting human research subjects. The site also

provides access to the DOE Human Subjects Research Projects Database, which provides information of all research projects funded by DOE which involve human subjects.

- **The FDA Homepage (<http://www.fda.gov>)**

Copies of the FDA's Information Sheets for Institutional Review Boards and Clinical Investigators are available at this site.

- **The National Bioethics Advisory Committee (NBAC) Homepage (http://www.whitehouse.gov/wh/eop/ostp/html/ostp_home.html)**

This site provides information about the activities and meetings of the Committee.

- **The Office for Protection from Research Risks Homepage (<http://www.nih.gov:80/grants/oprr/oprr.htm>)**

This site provides information about protection of the rights and welfare of research subjects.