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Scientific Datasets

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DEFINITION

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SUBMISSIONS

Although not currently a required deliverable for financial assistance awardees, a service is offered by OSTI whereby a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) will be assigned and registered with DataCite for subsequent use in citing the scientific data in, for example, published articles. Access the version of AN 241.6 made available to grantees on the E-Link website (<https://www.osti.gov/mlink/2416-submission.jsp>), and follow the instructions provided to submit the metadata/citation information for the dataset. Questions related to E-Link may also be sent to DOEDataID@osti.gov.

STI AVAILABILITY

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OSTI also works in close collaboration with Google and others, using Sitemap Protocols and other information industry standards to facilitate the discovery of DOE STI through widely used search engines.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/CONTACTS

- ✚ The STIP website at <https://www.osti.gov/stip/>
- ✚ OSTI staff will respond to questions/suggestions sent to stip@osti.gov
- ✚ Data related questions should be directed to DOEDatalD@osti.gov
- ✚ Questions related to E-Link may also be sent to elink_Helpdesk@osti.gov