

## **Mitigating the Loss of Irreplaceable LENR Research Records: Initiative Update**

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Now more than 30 years after the announcement of LENR in 1989, many of its earliest and most productive researchers are leaving the field. The large body of their accumulated research is at risk of being lost, which would be a tragedy not only for the LENR field, but also – because of the immense energy prospects of LENR – for all of humankind. The LENR Research Documentation Initiative (LRDI) has been underway for the past several years to mitigate this potential loss of these irreplaceable research records. The methods were developed in a pilot project with Dr. Edmund Storms and have been refined and expanded in work with additional researchers. So far the LRDI includes more than 25 participants and 18 projects. Onsite visits have been made to about 15 different locations, and more than 35 draft and final reports have been prepared. Unfortunately, as for so many efforts around the world, progress was curtailed in 2020 by COVID-19. Future plans call for reaching out to more candidates, more in-depth documentation for current participants, development of a more secure repository for the records, and assuring access to the information for the indefinite future. Plans also include extending the scope of the current USA-based initiative to participants in other countries.