

To: Ridge 2000 Investigators
From: The Ridge 2000 Steering Committee
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Subject: Ridge 2000 Data Compliance Effort

We want to remind PIs that if they are not compliant with NSF-R2K data policies or have not submitted Data Compliance Plans (DCPs) for R2K grants they have received or are currently working on, that they should do so as soon as possible and have them cleared by NSF. For those that submitted DCPs last April (2009), it would be important to update their plans and communicate those to NSF, the R2K Data Portal and Program Office staffs. The upcoming Fall AGU and Ocean Sciences meetings in San Francisco, CA and Portland, OR, respectively, are excellent opportunities for PIs to discuss their data plans with NSF program managers and R2K Data Portal and Program Office staff.

R2K and MGDS will share a booth at the Fall AGU (booth #307) and the staff will be glad to receive data and answer questions to facilitate the submission of data sets. It is likely that NSF will be contacting R2K PIs early in 2010 regarding the status of their data compliance with NSF and R2K data policies, which could play a role in continued or future funding decisions.

Over the past 8 months, the R2K Program Office and Steering Committee (StCom), and the MGDS R2K Data Portal staff have been working with members of the R2K PI community and NSF to help facilitate the submission of data resulting from R2K field and laboratory programs to the R2K Data Portal. As part of this effort the R2K StCom developed guidelines for preparation of 'Data Compliance Plans'

(http://www.ridge2000.org/science/downloads/email/R2K_data_compliance32final.pdf)

that each R2K PI should consider as they formulate plans for finalizing their data submittals in accordance with NSF-R2K guidelines

(<http://www.ridge2000.org/science/data/policies.php>).

At the recent R2K Workshop in St. Louis

(<http://www.ridge2000.org/science/meetings/WorkshopInfo.php?workshopID=R2K09>)

there were excellent discussions on key science questions that R2K researchers are investigating as well as cross-ISS and multidisciplinary data comparisons and discussions about submission of data sets that have been completed and are part of published or soon to-be published papers.

Working to make R2K data available now is in everyone's interest and can help facilitate and stimulate cross-ISS and cross-disciplinary data syntheses and integration, which is a focus of the R2K Program's current activities and will be part of the success and legacy of the R2K Program.