

Fair-Use Policy for NGEE Arctic Data Products

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Purpose: This policy addresses the intellectual property rights of NGEE Arctic participants when data products are shared among the full team.

Scope: The scope of this policy starts with the sharing of newly collected or developed data products within the NGEE Arctic project and proceeds to publically-accessible data products and fully-attributed journal article.

Applicability: This policy is applicable to all NGEE Arctic participants. Guidelines for subsequent use of NGEE Arctic data products by collaborators and public users are not included in this policy.

Fair-Use Policy:

Sharing of unpublished data, algorithms, models and other NGEE Arctic products:

- NGEE Arctic participants will release all data, algorithms, models, and other products to the full team within 3 months of collection, development, quality assessment and initial analysis.
- Data, algorithms, models, and other products, along with supporting metadata, will be distributed within the team through a password-protected NGEE Arctic project data portal.
- The Data Contact, defined as the originator of the data, algorithms, models, and other products will be clearly identified.

Use of unpublished data products:

- NGEE Arctic participants who wish to use shared products are required to discuss and develop planned uses of data, algorithms, models, and other products and resulting publications with the Data Contact in a collaborative manner.
- Data Contacts will likely be leading analyses and publications related to their products, and participants are expected to respect the leadership role of the Data Contact in planning new work.
- If work directly competes with the analysis of the Data Contact, that person may ask that they have the opportunity to submit a manuscript before a participant submits one that uses unpublished data.

Authorship:

- Data Contacts should be included as collaborators in research and analyses that use their unpublished products, and as co-authors on publications resulting from their use.
- All persons designated as authors should qualify for authorship. Authorship should be based on substantial contributions to (a) conception and design; data collection or model development; or analysis and interpretation of data; (b) on drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content.
- Those who contribute, but do not qualify for authorship should be listed in acknowledgments.

Journal Publication:

- All authors should be given the opportunity to approve the final version of the manuscript before it is submitted to a journal for review and potential publication.

- Authors should reference data products with the citations as provided in the data archive documentation.
- Authors are encouraged to include these terms as publication keywords as applicable: NGEE Arctic, Alaska, and Next-Generation Ecosystem Experiments.
- All publications should include the acknowledgement “The Next-Generation Ecosystem Experiments (NGEE Arctic) project is supported by the Office of Biological and Environmental Research in the DOE Office of Science.”
- The NGEE Arctic Project Director should receive a draft version of all manuscripts prior to being submitted to a journal.
- Authors should provide an electronic reprint of their work to the NGEE Arctic Project Director so that all publications resulting from DOE-sponsored research may be recorded, tracked, and referenced by the Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC).