

## Powell Center Code of Ethics

**Preamble:** The Powell Center was initiated to promote synthesis, analysis, and multidisciplinary collaboration directed toward addressing important questions in earth system science and allied disciplines.

**General:** Because an abiding goal of the Powell Center is to transform the culture and conduct of earth system science research to become more collaborative and interdisciplinary, we provide guiding principles of conduct for all Powell Center participants. Working Group members must agree to abide by this Code prior to the onset of a project.

- a) All investigators will abide by the USGS Code of Scientific Conduct, online at: <http://www.usgs.gov/usgs-manual/500/500-25.html> and the Ethics Guide for DOI Employees, [https://www.usgs.gov/quality\\_integrity/downloads/ethics/Ethics%20Guide%20for%20DOI%20Employees%20\(2013\).docx](https://www.usgs.gov/quality_integrity/downloads/ethics/Ethics%20Guide%20for%20DOI%20Employees%20(2013).docx)
- b) Derived data generated during a research project will be well documented and released in the public domain, in line with USGS Fundamental Science Practices, as described at <https://www.usgs.gov/fsp/policies.asp>
- c) Investigators will adhere to the appropriate standards for reporting the results of scientific activities and respect the intellectual property rights of others.
- d) Copies of analytical tools developed by Powell Center investigators will be deposited with the Center. Copies of software products developed by Working Groups or Powell Center staff to support Working Group activities will be released in line with the USGS Software Release Policy, as described at: <https://www.usgs.gov/usgs-manual/im/IM-OSQI-2016-01.html>
- e) The Powell Center will receive acknowledgement in each publication or product for its support of the research activities conducted by each Working Group.
- f) Copies of publications resulting from Powell Center support will be provided to the Powell Center at the time of publication.
- g) Investigators will comply with the Department's records retention policies and with Federal law and agreements related to use, security, and release of confidential and proprietary data.
- h) Participants will not discriminate against others, in the course of their work on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, creed, religion, race, color, national origin, age, economic status, disability, or organizational affiliation.
- i) Extenuating circumstances that may prevent full compliance will be discussed with Powell Center staff.

I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the Powell Center Code of Ethics.

Signature

Date