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I wholeheartedly support the standardized use of peer review in the production of regulatory science documents. However, I am concerned about how this will be operationalized.

First, I would hope that authors of documents subject to review are given sufficient opportunity to respond.

Second, I would hope that authors and their host institutions would be free to disseminate work themselves prior to completion of any peer review.

Third, I would hope that the peer review requirement not be so onerous so as to discourage or add considerable cost to current research activities. Most research funded under EPA / NSF or EPA STAR Grants are destined for academic publication anyway. This work has considerable value and should not be discouraged.

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