Peer Review Summary Document

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Peer Review Plan

Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.4: Abrupt Climate Change [20 KB PDF]

Peer Reviewers Information

Names and biographies of peer reviewers [56 KB PDF] for Synthesis and Assessment Product (SAP) 3.4.

Charge Submitted to Peer Reviewers

Charge letter [27 KB PDF] submitted to SAP 3.4 peer reviewers.

Draft Document for Peer Review

The draft SAP 3.4 material (executive summary and five individual chapters) sent to peer reviewers for comment included:

Draft_SAP 3.4 Executive Summary [63 KB PDF]
Draft_SAP 3.4 Chapter 1 [1.4 MB PDF]
Draft_SAP 3.4 Chapter 2 [2.1 MB PDF]
Draft_SAP 3.4 Chapter 3 [1.8 MB PDF]
Draft_SAP 3.4 Chapter 4 [2.7 MB PDF]
Draft_SAP 3.4 Chapter 5 [1.2 MB PDF]

Peer Review Comments and Authors' Responses

Twenty-four peer reviewers submitted comments by the closing date of the review. Peer reviewers were asked to review a specific chapter in the report based on their expertise. However, if they felt qualified, reviewers were invited to comment on other chapters, including the executive summary. A few reviewers commented on more than one chapter.

Peer review comments were collated into tables tied to the chapters in the draft SAP 3.4 material. After the peer review period ended, authors for each chapter met to deliberate the peer review comments. The full author Committee (a Federal Advisory Committee comprised of all the authors of chapters in the draft report product) subsequently convened a teleconference at which time the Chapter Lead Authors summarized and discussed the major peer review comments and their proposed responses. The final authors' responses were inserted in a corresponding section of the tables containing the peer reviewers' comments.

The tables containing the collated peer reviewers' comments and the authors' responses are available at the links below. Note that while peer reviewer names are made public, attribution of specific comments to specific reviewers is not. The Reviewer ID numbers in the comment-response tables were randomly assigned.

[Comments-Responses_ SAP 3.4 Executive Summary](#)   [60 KB PDF]
[Comments-Responses_ SAP 3.4 Chapter 1](#)   [62 KB PDF]
[Comments-Responses_ SAP 3.4 Chapter 2](#)   [258 KB PDF]
[Comments-Responses_ SAP 3.4 Chapter 3](#)   [229 KB PDF]
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