Fundamental Science Practices (FSP) of the U.S. Geological Survey

For USGS Authors of Abstracts, Posters and Presentations

What you need to know and do to obtain Bureau approval and meet FSP requirements.

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What you will learn in this FSP module

- Requirements for review and approval
- Who has approval authority for these information products
- Requirement to document approval in the USGS Information Product Data System (IPDS)
Requirements

• Approval in IPDS is required for all abstracts.

• Bureau approval is **not** required if presentations or posters are presented once and **not** left for dissemination or publicly posted online.
Requirements continued

• If approval is required a record must be created in IPDS to document the approval.

• The manuscript containing the abstract is entered in IPDS documents.

• Peer review for these information products is not mandatory and at the discretion of the Science Center Director.

• If peer review is required the reviews and reconciliations are placed in IPDS.
Who can approve what?

SM 205.18 - Authority to Approve Information Products details the delegations of authority to approve various USGS information products.

- Abstracts and when required Posters and Presentations are approved at the Science Center level by the Science Center Director or their designee.
- This approval must be documented in IPDS.

Additional details of who is responsible for approval are available here: https://www2.usgs.gov/fsp/levels_ba.asp
FSP Training Resources

Additional training materials associated with FSP are available as short modules addressing requirements for specific information product types, conditions, and responsibilities. These modules are available here: https://www2.usgs.gov/fsp/training.asp
Questions?

Questions related to USGS Fundamental Science practices should be addressed first to your USGS Bureau Approving Official (BAO) or to the USGS Fundamental Science Practices Advisory Committee at

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