

This paper is a draft paper that may form the basis of a Federal Register notice that would describe the process for release over the next months of the various policy and guidance documents that are being developed related to the nine science policies. Attached to the paper are the Framework for Refining Science Policies–Detailed Considerations and the matrix and timeline that summarize the products and the schedule for their publication. We plan to publish the Federal Register notice as soon as possible after the TRAC meeting.

This paper summarizes the nine science policy issues and lists the documents that are planned for publication. We have revised the schedule somewhat since Staff Paper 20 was prepared: there are several additional documents on the schedule, and we have allowed for 60-day comment periods in most cases, except where documents and issues already have been the subject of extensive public review and discussion.

In addition, you have received separately the notebook containing the guidance documents we compiled that reflect current practice to a large extent. However, please note that in some cases, procedures and practices have changed since these documents were prepared, and a new or updated document will be the subject of the public notice and comment period. This notebook is being provided for information only; comments on its contents are not being requested.