

Distribution Policy for Working with Developmental Versions of CCSM

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During the development of CCSM4, the Scientific Steering Committee would like to encourage exchange of ideas and experiments using its new capabilities while also safeguarding the interests of the scientific developers. To this end, we have adopted the following policy that applies to the entire CCSM community. This policy reflects our attempt to balance the benefits of open exchange and collaboration with respect for individual authorship and intellectual property rights.

- Access to all code will be conducted under this distribution policy.
- PIs doing research resulting in presentations or papers agree to the following procedures with regard to co-authorship:
 - After a check-in of new code to one of the main trunks (atm, ocean, land, sea-ice) of the Subversion repository, the clock starts ticking.
 - An offer of co-authorship must be made to code contributors by anyone writing a paper utilizing that code within one (1) year of check-in.
 - After one (1) year, then standard scientific courtesy and ethics prevail.
- These procedures apply to anyone (students, postdocs, etc.) within the research group using the developmental model.
- PIs and researchers who use developmental code should not redistribute code to anyone outside of a research group.
- Anyone doing research using the developmental version of the model that results in presentations or papers should provide the Mass Store location of the history files used in the presentation or paper and make the source code for those runs available to the development team for checking back into the CCSM code repository.