

**Release of Restricted Data  
New Practice at the IRIS DMC  
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Several organizations provide data to the IRIS DMC that are restricted. These data are primarily from temporary experiments that are conducting active, yet to be published research. Restricted data can only be released to Principal Investigators or those they authorize through a password protection system supported by the IRIS DMC. The period of exclusive use is limited in time and eventually data become publically open. The period of exclusive use is determined by the organization that supported the research (PASSCAL/NSF, SEIS-UK, SEISMOB-FR, etc), not the IRIS DMC. For PASSCAL experiments, please refer to the NSF/EAR data policy at [http://www.nsf.gov/geo/ear/2010EAR\\_data\\_policy\\_9\\_28\\_10.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/geo/ear/2010EAR_data_policy_9_28_10.pdf)

Beginning in April 2011 the IRIS DMC is making a slight change to the procedure for releasing restricted data.

- Approximately, one month before the end of the exclusive use period, the IRIS DMC will attempt to send an email to the PI of record for the restricted data set.
- This email will indicate the DMC's plans to release the restricted data on the release date the DMC has on file.
- In order for any extension of the release period to be acted upon by the DMC, we must receive documentation from the agency funding the project that an extension has been granted. For instance for PASSCAL projects the documentation for an extension must come from the relevant program officer at NSF that funded the project. This information can be found online at [http://www.nsf.gov/staff/staff\\_list.jsp?org=GEO&from\\_org=GEO](http://www.nsf.gov/staff/staff_list.jsp?org=GEO&from_org=GEO) For non-NSF projects the documentation must come from a relevant individual within the organization or the relevant funding agency.
- Although the DMC will attempt to contact the PI on record it remains the PIs responsibility to provide documentation from the funding agency to extend the exclusive use period and this must be done prior to the end of the exclusive use period.

When the DMC receives the authorization from the funding agency then the DMC's release database will be updated and the dataset will continue to be restricted throughout the period of extension.

If the DMC does not receive notification from the funding source then the dataset will be made publicly available, without restriction, at the end of the exclusive year period without further notification of the PI.