

EUCLID POLICY ON RESEARCH-RELATED DISCOUNTS FOR LIGHTNING DATA

Overview: EUCLID is pleased to receive requests for free or discounted lightning data for research use. The following policy must be followed and adhered to for all requests in order to ensure proper use of EUCLID lightning data. This policy is subject to change. This revision is effective as of March, 2008.

Basic Objectives: EUCLID desires to support research that will lead directly to new applications of lightning data. We support research aimed at improving scientific understanding of lightning and meteorological uses of lightning information, although EUCLID's research support is not limited to these areas.

Criteria for free data: Lightning flash/stroke data requested should not exceed a time period of three months and should not exceed an area greater than 700,000 square kilometres. Typically, these data are provided so that the investigator can produce materials to support grant proposals, or for the occasional student project. The investigator is urged to include the cost of lightning data (at the research price) in any future grant proposals.

Criteria for data discount: Research use can be short-term or long-term projects involving data requests of any size.

Conditions of the Offer:

1. The investigator(s) must write a short letter/abstract describing their use of data, and the applicability of their results. The Manager of Applications and Technology must approve the scientific objectives.
2. The abstract will be reviewed and approved or declined by EUCLID within two weeks. Delivery of data depends on the scope of the project and the current workload of the involved EUCLID partner.
3. Lightning data supplied by EUCLID may not be used for direct comparisons with other lightning detection networks, unless approved by EUCLID. This is to ensure proper lightning data interpretation, proper analysis techniques and the appropriateness of the lightning data set to be used in comparisons.

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4. Prior to submission of any publication employing data provided under this policy, EUCLID must be given the opportunity to look over elements of the manuscript related to EUCLID data for technical accuracy. EUCLID will also be open to assisting the authors by providing additional technical details if so desired by both EUCLID and the authors. EUCLID must be acknowledged as the source of the information and data.
5. There can be no proprietary or commercial restrictions on the research results, and the investigator(s) must be directly associated with an academic or research organization.
6. Archival of data is allowed, but the data will not be shared with or sold to another party without EUCLID's expressed permission.

I have read and understand EUCLID's research lightning data policy and agree to its terms and conditions:

Date: _____

Investigator: _____

Company/Org. _____

Address: _____

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Accepted by:

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EUCLID Secretary

Please print and sign two copies and mail to Dieter Poelman, EUCLID Secretary.

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