

ECS Samples Agreement Form

Forms available online at: https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/ecs/samples_forms/

We are delighted that you have chosen to collaborate in the study of physical samples collected for the U.S. Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) Project. We require that you acknowledge the following conditions associated with the distribution of the samples:

1. Researchers are only authorized to use ECS geologic samples for the approved loan duration and agree to be responsible for the security of the samples.
2. Researchers may not redistribute, transfer or share ECS samples with other researchers unless approved in their original request or amended request.
3. Any analyses that could involve sample destruction shall be clearly identified on the ECS Sample Request Form.
4. Researchers will provide annual updates to the Samples Curator on January 15th of each year. These updates will use the ECS Sample Status Form attached to this sample request, which seeks all International Geo Sample Numbers (IGSNs) for samples in the researcher's possession; all analyses performed on the samples during the previous twelve-month period; details of data submitted to the ECS IMS; any alterations made to the samples; amount of sample remaining; and future analytical plans for the samples.
5. Researchers will return all unused sample material to the Samples Repository within three months of expiration of the approved loan period. Researchers will first contact the Samples Curator for the appropriate return information and document all sample use in the ECS Sample Return Form.
6. Researchers will submit electronic copies of all data derived from their analyses to the ECS Information Management System (ECS IMS) at the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) upon completion and no later than six months after the researcher deems the data to be of publication quality, coordinating with NCEI on appropriate data forms and documentation, and analyses will be linked to samples via IGSN.
7. Researchers agree to acknowledge the ECS Project in all reports and publications resulting from sample use/analysis, and to reference samples by the designated IGSN.
8. Researchers shall submit copies of all interpretive reports and other research results to the ECS IMS, upon completion.
9. All data and information submitted to the ECS IMS will be made publically available no earlier than two years after the sample material is obtained for analysis, unless authorized by the researcher.

I agree to the above conditions. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in an immediate recall of all ECS samples and will be considered in evaluation of future sample requests.

Print, sign, and return with ECS Sample Request Form