

Dear GEOTRACES community,

As you may know, the last consensus values for dissolved trace metals in the 2004 SAFe S, D1, and D2 reference seawater samples were posted in 2013 by Ken Bruland (<http://www.geotraces.org/science/intercalibration/322-standards-and-reference-materials>). Now that Ken Bruland has retired, **Jim Moffett at the University of Southern California will take over the distribution of remaining SAFe and GEOTRACES InterCalibration samples, and the compiling of NEW consensus values.**

The inventories of 2004 SAFe S and D2 reference seawater samples are now depleted. **We must urgently develop consensus values for the remaining reference samples**, especially for GSP (2009 GEOTRACES Pacific surface seawater) and GSC (2009 GEOTRACES coastal surface seawater), until the new samples that have been recently collected by Eric Achterberg's group in the Atlantic become available.

This is an urgent plea to everyone who has received any SAFe or GEOTRACES reference seawater samples to please reevaluate, compile, and send your dissolved trace metal data obtained since 2013 for all of these references (S, D1, D2, GS, GD, GSP, GSC) to Jim Moffett <jmoffett@usc.edu> as soon as possible. Those preparing for IDP2017 submission will have these data already at their fingertips, so please add this simple but important task to your queue. There will be no consensus value without your participation, so don't miss out on the chance to be part of this essential community effort. The process will remain entirely confidential, as always.

Please send consensus data to Jim Moffett <jmoffett@usc.edu> (effectively immediately).

Please request new reference seawater samples (D1, GSP, GSC) from Jim Moffett <jmoffett@usc.edu> (effective June 15, 2016.)

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