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[1] On Being a Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research: 3rd Edition (2009), Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy, National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and Institute of Medicine, 82 pages, ISBN-10: 0-309-11970-7. Available for download at: http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12192.

[2] Ruth E. Duerr, Robert R. Downs, Curt Tilmes, Bruce Barkstrom, W. Christopher Lenhardt, Joseph Glassy, Luis E. Bermudez and Peter Slaughter. On the utility of identification schemes for digital earth science data: an assessment and recommendations, Earth Science Informatics, Vol. 4, Num. 3, 139-160, 2011, doi:10.1007/s12145-011-0083-6.

[3] <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2013/m-13-13.pdf>

[4] <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/05/09/executive-order-making-open-and-machine-readable-new-default-government>

[5] <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdr/operationalcdrs.html>