

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) continued discussion regarding Research and Data Needs (RDNs), with respect to [Supplemental SSC Report 1](#) (developed at the March meeting) and a need to enable greater efficiency in this process.

The SSC continues to be concerned that achieving a balance between an extensive yet unwieldy inventory of very specific RDNs (such as the historical database) and a shorter list of overarching challenges and priorities (the current exercise) has proven difficult. Working towards a more stable and efficient process would be highly beneficial for future iterations of the RDN product. In addition to being responsive to feedback provided from Council advisory bodies, one way to improve the process may be to solicit feedback from the agencies or research institutions that consult or use the product of the RDN process in prioritizing their research.

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