Checklist for CAST Authors

I. General Instructions

☐ Prepare the manuscript as a Word document to print on 8 1/2 X 11” paper. Double-space throughout, including Contents, Literature Cited, tables, and figure legends.

☐ Use Times New Roman 11-point font for text. Clearly label and distinguish between A-, B-, and C-level heads.

☐ Leave at least a 1” margin on all sides. Avoid hyphens or dashes at end of lines; do not divide a word at the end of a line. Do not justify right margin.

☐ Submit the manuscript on a pc-formatted disk, on CD, or by e-mail attachment.

☐ Provide measurements in metric units. These may be followed by British units in parentheses.

☐ Write out numbers one through ten unless a measurement (four sources and four farms but 4 years, 4 cm). Numbers above ten are numerals. Use 36% not thirty-six percent; the percentage of participants, not the percent of participants or the % of participants. Use 1,000 not 1000; 0.13 not .13.

☐ Write out abbreviations and acronyms at first use and abbreviate consistently thereafter (except in titles, headings, and at the beginning of a sentence)—“The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supported the research. Then in 2003, the EPA....”

☐ Set numbered lists and equations sentence style, if possible.

☐ Use standard statistical symbols such as SD, N, and P.

☐ Cite each figure and table in the text. Make sure data described matches actual figure/table. Organize text so figures/tables are cited in numerical order. Write out and capitalize Table and Figure.

☐ Arrange Issue Papers as follows: Title Page; Contents; Summary; Introduction; Text; Recommendations; Appendix A—Glossary [optional]; Literature Cited; Tables; Figures.

☐ Arrange Reports as follows: Title Page; Contents; Interpretive Summary, Executive Summary, Introduction, Text: Recommendations; Appendix A—Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Symbols: Appendix B—Glossary; Literature Cited; Tables; Figures.

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8. Unpublished material: (H. Smith, unpublished) or (Smith, H. J. 2003. Personal communication)

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☐ Verify all entries against original sources, especially those in languages other than English. Capitalize all nouns in German. Check diacritical marks.

☐ List citations in alphabetical order by first author’s surname. Single author titles precede multiauthored titles by the same senior author, regardless of date.

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☐ Abbreviate journal names in accordance with BIOSIS and CBE (Council for Biology Editors) guidelines; do not use periods. Underline titles and other terms to be italicized.

II. Literature Cited

☐ If material is taken from another source, obtain written permission and cite source in title.

☐ Begin each table on a new page and double-space all data.

☐ Number tables in Arabic followed by a period. Capitalize first word of title; all others lowercase unless a proper noun. No period at end of title.

☐ Do not reduce type size in tables; use same as in text.

☐ Capitalize first word of each entry in each column

☐ Indicate footnotes by lowercase superscript letters (a,b,c)

☐ Do not use vertical lines in tables.

III. Tables

☐ If material is taken from another source, obtain written permission and cite source in legend.

☐ Double-space numbered legends and group on a separate page(s).

☐ Number figures in Arabic followed by a period. Capitalize first word of legend; all others lowercase unless a proper noun. Add period at end of legend.

☐ Make sure figures match descriptions in text, and that legends match figures.

☐ Prepare and submit high-resolution photographs and other special figures on a disk or CD.

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