Chat
Guidelines for Use

Background

Chat Rooms and their Log files, hereafter referred to as "Chat," represents the latest in technology for the operations of Field Projects. However, as with all technology it presents some challenges from a project management and usage point of view. These guidelines reflect the best practices in using Chat.

Chat is for the use of the **Participants** (all those involved in the project with a need for access) in Project T-REX. In order to become a **Participant**, you have to Register. (Instructions are given below.) Only registered **Participants** will be allowed to use tChat Log, and by registering, agree to the following guidelines and terms.

Guidelines and Terms

Project T-REX Chat is developed and managed by the Earth Observing Laboratory (EOL) at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), which is managed and operated by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR).   By using Chat, the Participant agrees to the guidelines and terms set forth in this document. EOL and UCAR reserve the right to modify these guidelines and terms, in their discretion, at any time. Such modifications will be effective when posted.

Uses.

The Chat Log should be used for the operational needs of this Project.

The Participant will be given a password for use of the Chat. The Participant should not share this password with anyone else. The participant should avoid posting personal or private information about the Participant or others on the Chat Log.

The Chat Logs are maintained as official, permanent Project records. The Chat Logs will be reviewed by EOL and edited, if necessary and at EOL's discretion, to maintain the most accurate record for the Project.

EOL and UCAR, however, disclaim all liability for the content or edited content of the Chat Logs, and further disclaim any liability whatsoever for the operation, management, storage and maintenance of Chat, including, but not limited to, any warranties as to availability or uptime, and usage for any purpose.

Prohibited Uses. The following categories of use are inappropriate and prohibited:

- Use that is unlawful, harassing or threatening, libelous, defamatory, obscene, pornographic, or that would violate any law or the rights of others.

- Use that is malicious or damaging to the integrity of Chat, including but not limited to, unauthorized access or use, attempts to defeat system security, and modification or removal of data.

- Use that may expose UCAR to criminal or civil liability. (Examples include but not limited to political activities, lobbying, commercial use.)

Misuse or violations of these restrictions may result in limitations on access or complete denial of access to the Participant.

Monitoring. By **Participant's** registration and participation in Chat, **Participant** acknowledges and consents that his/her use will be monitored both through automatic systems as well as personal review.

Registration. To register as a **Participant**, send an email message with the following text to Brigitte Baeuerle (baeuerle@ucar.edu):

I, <your full name here>, agree to the Chat guidelines and terms of use for the Project T-REX. Also, as a registered **Participant**, the Chat nickname which I will use in all Project Chat rooms will be the following character string _____.