Policy on Accumulating Data

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PDS defines an 'accumulating' data set to be one that is delivered incrementally at intervals mutually agreeable to the data provider and cognizant PDS node.

Delivery can be by increments alone or by increments plus redelivery of some (or all) of the previously delivered data.

Updated (incremented) versions of errata, index, documentation, and 'aareadme' files may be included; but no changes to previously delivered observational data, reduced data, or their metadata are allowed.

VERSION_ID for the data set does not change.

For other situations, see the Policy on Draft Data.

Partitioning of the data set into increments must be described in documentation. The data set must be clearly identified as 'accumulating' on web sites until the final increment has been ingested by PDS.