

## Sierra Pacific Industries Research and Monitoring Program Timberland Access Policy

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Parties wishing to access Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) timberlands for scientific research or monitoring must submit a written proposal to SPI Research and Monitoring Program Director Cajun James, Ph.D. ([cjames@spi-ind.com](mailto:cjames@spi-ind.com)).

### Research and Monitoring Proposal Content

The submitted research and monitoring proposal must include the following information regarding the intended study:

1. A testable hypothesis (for research) or objectives (for monitoring)
2. A list of all individuals performing and analyzing field work, including organizational affiliation(s) and contact information
3. A map detailing the intended study area
4. Sampling methodologies
5. Statistical or analytical methodologies
6. A description of resulting products
7. All associated quality assurance (QA) information (see below)

### Quality Assurance

External research or monitoring conducted on SPI timberlands must be performed in a transparent, accountable, and defensible manner that reflects the QA commitment of SPI's own Research and Monitoring Program<sup>1</sup>. SPI requires that external studies or monitoring done on behalf of the State or Regional Water Boards upload all resulting data to the [Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program](#) (SWAMP) and/or the [California Environmental Data Exchange Network](#) (CEDEN). Uploaded data must meet all SWAMP/CEDEN QA, metadata, and reporting requirements.

### Research and Monitoring Proposal Review

The SPI Research and Monitoring Program Director will review submitted proposals and may elect to distribute them for additional peer review. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the completion of this process.

### Insurance

If a research and monitoring proposal is accepted, the submitting party will be contacted by SPI to confirm sufficient insurance coverage. The *General License Agreement* details basic requirements for *General Liability*, *Auto Liability*, *Workers' Comp/Employer Liability*, and endorsements. Adjustments to this section may be required based on the proposed activity and involved parties. Parties entering SPI timberlands must comply with all applicable regulations (e.g., road safety, fire safety, communication).

### Disclosure

All releases include the following language regarding data availability:

*In the event Licensee's activities on the Property include the collection of data of any nature, upon Company's request, Licensee shall make available to Company, at Company's expense, all reports, data and all other information and items developed or prepared by Licensee as a result of its activities conducted on the Property. Company and Licensee agree that, unless otherwise required by applicable law, neither of them will disclose any reports, data or other information or items developed or prepared by Licensee as a result of its activities on the Property without the prior written approval by the other of the form, content and proposed recipient of such disclosure.*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.spi-ind.com/research/SPI\\_Research\\_and\\_Monitoring\\_QAPP\\_2020.pdf](https://www.spi-ind.com/research/SPI_Research_and_Monitoring_QAPP_2020.pdf)