

Research Project FR: Final Evaluation

EREC Comments

Project Title	An Interdisciplinary Study toward Clean Air, Public Health and Sustainable Agriculture: The Case of Crop Residue Burning in North India
Abbreviated Title	Aakash
Project Leader	Prabir K. PATRA
Project Period	5 years Full Research
Affiliated Program	Co-creation of the Earth-human System Program, TANIGUCHI PD

General advice and comments of the EREC

The committee highly recognizes that the project has revealed critical patterns in air pollution, including some of its biological and chemical constituents. The results have important implications for other parts of the world with similar agricultural practices and their consequences.

Looking forward, the project is encouraged to summarize lessons and share them widely on how to go about changing behavior of farmers regarding crop burning. What types of incentives would be needed for what types of farmers? If health data gathering was a challenge, what alternatives could have been taken, given that health impact is an important key to behavioral change?