

AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

continuation of the

COOPERATIVE ECOSYSTEM STUDIES UNITS NETWORK

This Amendment to the CESU Network Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed in accordance with Article V. Section B.3., Article VI. Section B.1., and Article VII. Section B. With the exception of the changes below, all terms and conditions of the MOU apply to this Amendment, and this Amendment is hereby made part of the MOU.

ARTICLE IV. AUTHORITIES

This MOU is entered into by the following agency consistent with the mission and relevant authorities described below:

P. Tennessee Valley Authority

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) mission is to serve the people of the Valley by providing reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean electricity while also managing the region's natural resources and fostering economic prosperity. TVA operates a diverse power-generation portfolio that includes nuclear, natural gas, coal, hydroelectric, solar, and pumped-storage facilities, ensuring energy security for homes, businesses, and industries across its seven-state service area. In addition to generating power, TVA manages the Tennessee River system for flood control, navigation, recreation, and water quality, and stewards hundreds of thousands of acres of public land and shoreline. TVA's environmental stewardship programs—including aquatic monitoring, habitat restoration, species recovery work, and watershed partnerships—reflect a long-standing commitment to protecting and enhancing the Valley's ecosystems. Joining a regional network of universities, agencies, and research organizations will strengthen collaborative science, expand access to data and expertise, and support shared goals for ecosystem resilience across the region. This partnership approach ensures that TVA can continue delivering reliable energy while advancing cutting-edge ecosystem research that benefits communities, natural resources, and future generations.

In accordance with the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended (16 U.S.C. §§ 831–831ee) (TVA Act), TVA is authorized to enter into agreements. TVA is authorized to enter into cooperative agreement(s) with non-federal entities for purposes related to support of TVA activities, pursuant to the TVA Act. In accordance with the aforementioned authorities, TVA is authorized to enter into this interagency MOU and individual CESU Agreements in furtherance of collaborative research, technical assistance, and education.

ARTICLE V. CESU COUNCIL

A.1. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is now a full member of the CESU Council. TVA is now authorized to send a voting/formal representative to Council meetings, and to participate in all actions of the Council.

ARTICLE VII. TERM OF AGREEMENT

A.1. The effective date of the CESU Network MOU is 23 May 2023.

A.3. The effective date of this Amendment to CESU Network MOU shall be determined from the date of the last signature.

ARTICLE IX. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party hereto has entered into this MOU with this Amendment as evidenced by their signatures below.

Tennessee Valley Authority



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8/28/2026
Date