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**Subject:** NCDC Articles - Decision on Manuscript ID 2014-12-OA-DOXX-OTHER-0029

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Dear James:

It is a pleasure to approve your manuscript entitled "The Recent Global Surface Warming Hiatus: Fact or Artifact?" in its current form for external publication. The comments of the reviewer(s) and supervisor (s) who reviewed your manuscript are included at the foot of this letter.

James, this is an important paper. It will be highly controversial and so the roll out and support for follow up should be carefully planned and fully staffed.

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Thank you for your fine contribution, and success with your submission.

Sincerely,  
John  
Directors Office, NCDC Review Process

Comments to Author:

Reviewer: 1

Comments to the Author  
Excellent Paper - Comments provided directly to the author on 12/23/2014 to expedite submission.

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Comments to the Author:  
(There are no comments.)

Second Line Supervisor: Sprain, Mara  
Comments to the Author:  
No SLS level review