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Subject: Re: Fwd: A great Job !

I apologize for the slow response: I have been very busy, and now am experiencing computer problems that make it difficult for me to handle attachments. However, with my ongoing workload as both an editor and a scientist, it is also impossible for me to continue an ongoing discussion of your detailed results. As I indicated earlier, the submitted paper is not acceptable for publication. To fairly evaluate any prediction method, it is absolutely critical that a set of predictions be made, and documented, fairly, and that their success be evaluated equally fairly. This was not done. There are too many questions about the original set of predictions/replacements/etc for this to form the basis of a study. Dr. Jones offered to keep track of future predictions, the success or failure of which he will be able to help evaluate. I hope you have taken him up on this offer.

As I indicated (in my recent correspondence as well as my initial review of the submitted manuscript), a paper that discusses the general issues associated with "earthquake clouds," apart from prediction issues, might be appropriate for SRL. If you would like to prepare and submit such an article, please send it as a Word attachment to hough@usgs.gov.

Regards,

Susan