

FERET Transmittal Letter

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Hello:

We hope that FERET, the Fast Environmental Regulatory Evaluation Tool, makes your regulatory evaluation work faster and better. In addition to FERET program templates, we have provided an Introduction, a User's Manual, and supplemental readings. These supplemental readings provide some background on benefit-cost analysis and guidance.

To use FERET, you will need Microsoft Excel and Decisioneering Crystal Ball, an Excel add-on that operates in a Windows environment. The makers of Crystal Ball (which drives the sampling and characterization of uncertainty in FERET) have provided a 7-day free trial included with this CD (also available at their website (www.decisioneering.com) and we have provided a short description with this package. There is also an academic discount on its purchase. Note that the FERET developers and publishers do not in any way benefit financially from the sale of Crystal Ball. While Crystal Ball is necessary for full functionality of FERET, you can open the program in Excel even if you do not have Crystal Ball. (As Crystal Ball uses macros, your virus scan may ask if you wish to enable macros. It is necessary to enable the macros to run Crystal Ball.) To open FERET, just open it as you would a saved file in Excel and Crystal Ball. You should then save the file under your own filename to preserve the FERET original.

As noted in the attached agreement, you may only use and copy the file for academic and research purposes, although we interpret those broadly. Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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