

***Interactive comment on “Effects of Three Gorges Reservoir (TGR) water storage in June 2003 on Yangtze River sediment entering the estuary” by Z. X. Chu and S. K. Zhai***

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Dear Dr. Chu,

I have the regret to inform you that on the basis of the two comprehensive comments of your paper “Effects of Three Gorges Reservoir water storage in June 2003 on Yangtze river sediment entering the estuary”, I am rejecting your manuscript for publication in HESS and close the interactive discussion. The main reasons are (a) the data and interpretation presented in the paper overlap too much with two of your own contributions published very recently (Chu and Zhai, Journal of Coastal Research, accepted; Chu et al., AOS, vol 25, No 2, pp71-79, 2006); (b) the discussion of the results is essentially

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lacking and does not really cast any new light on the subject. In order to make your research on the TGR a valuable and sufficiently original scientific contribution that would warrant consideration for a new submission to HESSD, new (unpublished) data should be included and a much more thorough and largely broadened discussion should be provided. Both referees make constructive suggestions along these lines.

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