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The sixth edition of the Guide will be a living document and its Web version will be updated as and when there are significant developments in the practices in any particular field. As it is applied and used in practice, the Guide may be improved through comments and suggestions from the hydrological community. The Commission for Hydrology will endeavour to keep the Guide as up to date as possible by considering the feedback from its members.



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