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**Reviewer Comments**

Reviewer #: 16 Reviewer Background: 19 years as an educator and I have taught science at several different levels.

Comments: The curriculum appears to follow the “do science, to learn science” premise, which is great to encourage all students to be engaged in this learning.

Reviewer #: 17 Reviewer Background: Science teacher for 16 years (6-12) Comments: The activities/experiments was rigorous enough to meet the NGSS performance expectations and disciplinary core concepts, however, the teachers and student edition is lacking content information (e.g., vocabulary, background information) to help students succeed.

Reviewer #: 18 Reviewer Background: 16 years of teaching 7-12. Comments: I felt that as an educator that this textbook would not meet the standards that New Mexico is looking for. It just does not live up to the academic rigor that I would expect.



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Reviewer #: 16 Reviewer Background: 19 years as an educator and taught science at different levels.

Comments: The curriculum is very in-depth in certain parts, but lacks in other areas. The material allows students to participate in discovery learning. The teachers' edition is well written and appears to have had teachers' daily needs in mind when writing the curriculum. The materials align with NGSS.

Reviewer #: 17 Reviewer Background: 16 years of teaching science (6-12)

Comments: I have observed that the textbook being reviewed met the DCI in some parts but not comprehensive enough for a Life Science curriculum. The lesson activities have provided students to write their learning, however, I wished they also emphasized vocabulary and content background information in the Student Edition to help middle school students become successful in the tasks that they asked them to do in the activities.

Reviewer #: 18 Reviewer Background: 15 years of teaching science 7-12

Comments: Even though it does address the NGSS and NM 6 standards, the way it presents the work lacks in depth knowledge. It does fit into the age group as far as materials, however, I don't feel that it stretches student's academic rigor.