



2009 Weather and Aeolian Sand-Transport Data from the Colorado River Corridor, Grand Canyon, Arizona: Open-File Report 2010-1166

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