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Author's name is given 1 2 3
 Affiliation or sponsorship is given 1 2 3
 Address or email is given 1 2 3

CURRENCY

Date of creation is indicated 1 2 3
 Date of last update is indicated 1 2 3
 Links are current (still work) 1 2 3

SCOPE

Purpose of the site is clearly stated 1 2 3
 Level is appropriate for intended audience 1 2 3
 It is clear whether information is primary or secondary 1 2 3
 The information provided is complete 1 2 3
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 Links are outward directed 1 2 3

TREATMENT

Sources are documented and/or information is directly linked to original source 1 2 3
 Methods for gathering information clear 1 2 3

OBJECTIVITY

Editorial comments or opinions clearly presented as such 1 2 3
 Affiliation of the source clearly indicated 1 2 3
 Language is free from exaggeration, sarcasm, etc. 1 2 3
 Graphics are free from sensationalism 1 2 3
 Site does not seem to negatively target a particular group 1 2 3
 Opposing viewpoints are acknowledged respectfully 1 2 3

TECHNICAL AND VISUAL ASPECTS

Information is presented clearly and logically 1 2 3
 Graphics/hypermedia add to quality 1 2 3
 Navigation of site is easy 1 2 3
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