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Hook has functioned as the data and documentation coordinator for the ORNL Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) since 1997. The ORNL DAAC archives data produced by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Terrestrial Ecology Program. The DAAC provides data and information relevant to biogeochemical dynamics, ecological data, and environmental processes, critical for understanding the dynamics relating to the biological, geological, and chemical components of Earth's environment. Hook is responsible for archiving DAAC data sets—interacting with investigators to obtain data, assign metadata, and develop documentation.

Hook is also the data and documentation coordinator for the ORNL Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC). In this role, he is responsible for planning and implementing data management work flows for collecting, managing, and archiving data and metadata at CDIAC. He is currently supporting the SPRUCE (Spruce and Peatland Responses Under Climatic and Environmental Change), Next-Generation Ecosystem Experiment-Arctic, and HIPPO (High-Performance Instrumented Airborne Platform Pole-to-Pole Observations) projects.

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