
Council Updates

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SAFE Guidelines

October 2025 SSC Report:

The SSC recommends continued progress towards making SAFE documents as consistent in structure and content as practicable. The SSC recognizes that assessments vary among stocks; however, documents that are as similar as possible will facilitate review and ensure accessibility to a wide audience.

We have noticed inconsistencies with SAFE docs -

- SAFE Guidelines (Jan 2023) are being reviewed and should be used by stock authors and reviewers.
- We are drafting a running list of changes or more specific guidelines, which will be presented at the May 2026 meeting, and be implemented for September SAFEs.

Examples include:

- General structure (e.g., rebuilding plan status)
- Table types and formatting
- Document length

Would it be helpful to have a simple 1-2 pager summary document?

