

Interactive comment on “Drilling disturbance and constraints on the onset of the Paleocene/Eocene boundary carbon isotope excursion in New Jersey” by P. N. Pearson and E. Thomas

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Dear authors,

first of all, I would like to apologize for the delay in the review process, fully related to a work overload on my side. Both reviewer reports are quite positive, finding your contribution clear, interesting, and constructive. This last point is of particular importance, and I appreciate that you keep the tone of your contribution at a scientific discussion level. I carefully read your answer to the reviewers and find it quite clear. To summarize the two main points: 1) yes, I agree that adding a general discussion about drilling disturbances is a good idea. 2) the question whether you definitely rule out or not the

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Wright and Schaller interpretation is a bit delicate. I think the way you reply to this point raised by reviewer 1 is the right one, and should appear in the main text, maybe in the conclusions.

In summary, I recommend the submission of a revised version of your manuscript, according to the guidelines you mention in your "answer to the reviewer" document.

Best regards

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