Dear Technical Editor,

Thank you for reviewing our submission and identifying the items that needed attention. We have addressed each point as follows:

1. **“Preprint submitted to Elsevier” footer**

*Reason & action taken:* This line was automatically inserted by the Elsevier LaTeX template we used to draft the article. The manuscript has **not** been deposited on any preprint server, nor is it linked to Elsevier’s Preprint Services. We have removed the sentence from the revised file and left the “preprint server” field blank in the submission system.

1. **Non-functional GitHub link**

*Action taken:* The repository has been set to public and the URL corrected. The new, functional link is:

<https://github.com/QiQiWan/SAG-Review>

All supplementary code and data referenced in the paper are now accessible there.

1. **Line numbers beginning at the abstract**

*Action taken:* Line numbering now starts with the first line of the abstract, in compliance with ASCE guidelines.

1. **File format**

*Action taken:* The manuscript has been resubmitted in double-spaced, single-column format using the official ASCE Word template, as requested.

We trust that these revisions satisfy the journal’s technical requirements and kindly ask that the manuscript be forwarded to the Editor for further review. Please let us know if any additional adjustments are needed.

Sincerely,

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