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Dr. Timothy Hallman, Director
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U. S. Department of Energy
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Dear Dr. Hallman,

On July 20, 2009, the Office of Nuclear Physics delivered a charge to the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) to assemble a Committee of Visitors to review the management processes of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science's Office of Nuclear Physics. The panel was charged to consider the operations of the Office during fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Professor Sherry Yennello of Texas A&M University agreed to chair the Committee of Visitors. A broad committee was selected that covered the various scientific program areas within the Office of Nuclear Physics, as well as specific technical areas such as project management and laboratory operations, and the transfer of the Isotopes Program. The committee met January 12-14, 2010, at the DOE complex in Germantown Maryland.

The COV was impressed with the operations of the Office of Nuclear Physics and the way in which the decisions of the Office are made within the context of the Long Range Plan. This has resulted in the program being positioned to lead the world in this critical area of research.

One of the recommendations put forward by the Committee of Visitors, and endorsed by NSAC, relates to workforce development with an emphasis on attracting and training women and members of under-represented groups. While the charge to NSAC did not specifically call out workforce development and diversity, the committee believes attention to both these issues is critical to the future quality of the scientific portfolio that we were asked to comment on.

Accompanying this letter is the Committee of Visitors Report. The draft report was presented to NSAC at their meeting on February 26, 2010, in Bethesda, Maryland. NSAC suggested limited modifications of the report. NSAC unanimously approved the report by email March 23, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan J. Seestrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan J. Seestrom
Chair, NSAC

Cc: Eugene Henry, Office of Nuclear Physics
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