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Dr. William F. Brinkman
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Dear Dr. Brinkman,

With this letter, the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee transmits the report from the 2009 Committee of Visitors (COV), prepared in response to Dr. Orbach's charge of November, 2008 and February 2009. We thank Dr. Linford and his distinguished panel for their hard work and level-headed analysis. FESAC would also like to thank the OFES staff for their cooperation and responsiveness throughout the process.

As requested, the panel has carried out a comprehensive review of OFES processes and results in all of its program areas. Their overall conclusions generally support current practices and commend OFES on improvements made in response to previous COVs. The committee's findings are thorough and thoughtful with detailed recommendations for further improvement. We urge OFES to consider these carefully and report back on their response at the next advisory committee meeting.

FESAC voted unanimously to endorse this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Greenwald".

Martin Greenwald
Chair, Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

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