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Dr. William Brinkman  
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Dear Dr. Brinkman,

On February 25, 2011 the Office of Nuclear Physics delivered a charge to the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) related to public access to research results. The charge asked NSAC to submit a report describing current policies and practices for disseminating research results in the fields relevant to the Nuclear Physics program.

In response to this charge, NSAC established a sub-committee that was chaired by Professor Allena Opper of George Washington University. A broad sub-committee was assembled including representation from the major sub-disciplines of nuclear physics. The committee developed questionnaires that they sent to various members of the community in attempt to reach out broadly. They further engaged representatives of the relevant journal publishers.

Prof. Opper briefed NSAC on the draft report at the NSAC meeting June 30 - July 1, 2011. The members of NSAC suggested minor changes to the report. NSAC finally accepted the report unanimously by email vote completed on July 19, 2011. We endorse this report and the findings and comments it contains.

We hereby transmit the report (accompanying this letter), entitled "*Report on Public Access to Research Results*," to the Office of Nuclear Physics.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Seestrom  
Chair, Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

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