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Dr. Rana A. Fine
629 Island Drive
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Dear Dr. Fine:

Thank you for submitting the report of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the Ocean Section (OS) and other Programs of the Division of Ocean Sciences, which was held June 4 and 5, 2009. I am grateful for your thorough and valuable analysis of these programs.

I was delighted to learn that you concluded that these programs have been well managed and efficiently run by dedicated program managers, that the Section provides leadership and vision, and that planning and prioritization have been excellent.

I am deeply appreciative of the time that very busy people like yourselves have committed to helping the NSF and the community, not only in providing a retrospective of performance over the past three years, but also in looking toward the future. You have provided many constructive comments on broad issues fundamental to the business operations of NSF and facilities required for the health of the community going forward.

Once again, thank you for recognizing the quality of our staff and operations. We will continue to strive to maintain the tradition and challenge of close cooperation with the ocean sciences community.

Sincerely,


for Timothy Killeen
Assistant Director

Enclosure

Copy to: COV Members
George Davis, AC/GEO Chair