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## Memorandum

Date: 16 April 2012

To: File

From: Assistant Director for Geosciences

Regarding: Selection of Deep Earth Processes Section COV

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in a large measure, on the selection of credible, independent experts who are able to provide balanced and impartial assessments to NSF.

The DEP COV represented a broad segment of the disciplines consistent with the scope of activities managed through the Deep Earth Processes Section programs. The committee contained expertise in Tectonics, Petrology & Geochemistry, Geophysics, and Continental Dynamics. This diverse committee included seven women and one Hispanic or Latino member, and represented seven states and two nations (Canada and France).

Dr. Don DePaolo, a current member of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences (AC-GEO), served as chair of the COV. He will report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel at the next AC-GEO meeting (April 18-19, 2012).

There were no conflicts of interest between any COV member and Program Officers and COV members were not allowed access to any jackets with which they had a conflict or reviewed competitions for which they had served as a panellist or reviewer.

COV members present during the meeting were:

Don DePaolo (AC GEO and COV Chair)  
Earth and Planetary Sciences Department  
University of California, Berkeley

Wendy Bohrson  
Department of Geological Sciences  
Central Washington University

Cathy Constable  
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