



Under Secretary for Science

Washington, DC 20585

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Dr. Jill P. Dahlburg, Chair
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Dear Dr. Dahlburg:

Thank you for the excellent Committee of Visitors review of the Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing program. The Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) has already undertaken changes to respond to the recommendations of the COV and improve the management of this important program. The full program response and action plan will soon be posted on the ASCR website.

To help the research communities tap into the capabilities of current and future supercomputers, the Office of Science launched the Innovative and Novel Computational Impact on Theory and Experiment (INCITE) program in 2003. I am very pleased with the response from the community and the numbers and the quality of the proposals we have been receiving. Given the high visibility of the INCITE program and the importance of this program to national competitiveness, I now ask the ASCAC to form a COV to review the process used to manage the INCITE program. A report from ASCAC is expected by the Fall 2008 ASCAC meeting.

I appreciate ASCAC's willingness to undertake this important activity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond L. Orbach".

Raymond L. Orbach

