Earth Science Advisory Committee Earth Science Senior Review Subcommittee Report Briefing

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Dear Dr. Freilich:

On behalf of the NASA Earth Science Advisory Committee (ESAC), I am writing to confirm that the members of the ESAC voted unanimously to accept all recommendations in the Earth Science Senior Review Subcommittee (SRS) Report and supplementary material presented to the ESAC in their briefing package. The SRS Senior Review report is attached.

The 2017 Senior Review evaluated thirteen NASA Earth Science Division (ESD) satellite missions. The review process also considered plans for mission operations beyond fiscal year 2017. The ESAC would also like to commend NASA for exemplary execution of its Earth Science mission. Our committee was particularly impressed with the number of "Excellent" ratings various mission elements received under a rigorous review process.

If there is additional information that you require from the ESAC or the Earth Science Senior Review subcommittee, please do not hesitate to notify me.

Sincerely,

J. Marshall Shepherd

Chair, Earth Science Advisory Committee