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Dr. Dan Jaffe, Professor and Chair
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Dear Dr. Jaffe:

Thank you for submitting the report of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the NCAR and Facilities section of the Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences, which was held June 1-2, 2015.

I sincerely appreciate the time and energy expended by you and the members of the COV. NSF and the atmospheric and geospace sciences community will benefit greatly from your thorough and thoughtful analysis of the section.

I was pleased to hear you were generally impressed by the work of the Section. As you noted, the facilities and programs that are funded through the Section provide critical support for the entire atmospheric and geospace research communities, and play a strong role in maintaining the overall health of our field. Your insights and recommendations will be valuable in helping us to sustain that essential support.

Sarah Ruth, Section Head for NCAR and Facilities, has provided me with a set of specific responses to your findings and recommendations in the enclosed document. Thanks again for your contribution to maintaining the tradition of close cooperation between NSF and the atmospheric and geospace community through this process of periodic outside review by a COV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Wakimoto".

Roger Wakimoto
Assistant Director

Enclosure

Cc: Dr. George M. Hornberger, Chair, AC/GEO
COV Members